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Among other topics

Weinberger to discuss arms co-production

By Wahib Ghorab
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 6 — Saudi Arabian security and the possibility of the Kingdom and the United States co-producing U.S.-designed weapons will be leading topics here when U.S. Defense Minister Casper Weinberger meets Sunday with Defense Minister Prince Sultan.

"I have come to demonstrate the warm friendship that exists between us and the government of Saudi Arabia," Weinberger said Saturday as he arrived here. He said the security and the power of the Kingdom are tied up with U.S. security and the security of the region in general.

Prince Sultan said Weinberger's visit is a friendly one and that Saudi Arabian-American relations have been cordial ever since the foundation of the Kingdom by King Abdul Aziz.

"Our talks will deal with what interests us and the U.S. within the context of our Islamic and Arab traditions," Prince Sultan said.

Weinberger, who will spend four days here before going on to Oman and Jordan will have a series of talks with Prince Sultan and will also call on Crown Prince Fahd.

Upon his arrival, Weinberger said, "We want to see how Saudi Arabia and the United States could most effectively help some of the countries within the Gulf in order to secure our mutual security." He indicated that during his tour he will ascertain the wishes of the

countries he visits and said, "We have had some requests for specific weapons systems and coproduction might be possible."

Weinberger said that his discussions with Prince Sultan will concentrate on "mutual basic coordinated security assistance" to a number of other Gulf countries. "But first we want to find out the wishes of the Kingdom and see the ways Saudi Arabia and the United States can most efficiently help countries in the Gulf, which can add to our mutual security."

Saudi Arabia leads the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which also includes Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and the Sultanate of Oman. Weinberger's arrival coincided with a GCC foreign ministers conference in Bahrain, where Gulf security was being discussed.

It also coincided with an accusation from Oman that South Yemen was plotting with the Soviet Union to overthrow the regime of Sultan Qaboos Bin Saeed and of forming an axis with Libya and Ethiopia to spearhead attainment of "Soviet ambitions" in the Gulf region.

The Saudi Press Agency quoted Weinberger as saying that he was carrying "greetings from U.S. President Ronald Reagan and the American people."

Sultan told the agency that the talks will be "between friends...on what is of interest to the two countries" and expressed hopes they will culminate in "positive results in the interest of the two sides."

Of Laker passengers

Operation rescue begins

LONDON, Feb. 6 (R) — Operations were in full swing Saturday to rescue thousands of travelers stranded round the world by the crash of Sir Freddie Laker's cut-price air travel business.

Tour operators and airlines, bitter rivals of Laker Airways until it collapsed Friday under huge debts, stepped in to bring some 10,000 people home from Europe and the United States or help them continue Mediterranean holidays.

Sir Freddie Laker, the rags-to-riches British businessman and former pilot who pioneered cheap transatlantic air travel just over four years ago, was due later Saturday to meet the joint receivers appointed to pick up the pieces of his collapsed business.

Stiff competition, rising costs, high interest charges and reduced business combined with overwhelming debts to shatter the cheap travel dream that had made him a hero to millions.

Just how much he owes was not clear. Financial writers in the British press Saturday put the total debts variously at 210 and 270 million sterling (\$390 and \$500 million). But one of the two receivers, London accountant Bill Mackey, said Saturday that Laker Airways might not necessarily have reached the end of the line.

Mackey, told by Britain's civil aviation authority that Laker's licence will be canceled in six days unless someone takes over the service, said in a radio interview that interest had already been shown in the tour operating side. "Sir Freddie has built up a tremendous business and he has made a big contribution to the British airline industry," Mackey said.

"I am hoping to encourage him to realize that we have not necessarily reached the end of the line and it may be that Sir Freddie can help get some similar organization off the ground again."

Offers of cash to help bail out the airline poured in from members of the public. A fund set up Friday had already received donations worth 250,000 sterling (\$450,000), its organizers said. A spokesman at Laker's office at Gatwick Airport outside London said a 76-year-old woman had insisted on handing in a cheque for 1,000 sterling (\$1,800).

"It's an incredible response," the spokesman said. "It is difficult to think that the firm could go under with the amount of public support which is being shown." (Related story page 11)

Queen a 'triumphant success' amid Britain's grim decline

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II spent the 30th anniversary of her accession to the British throne in quiet seclusion Saturday at her Sandringham country estate, while commentators paid tribute to her as the nation's success story amid three decades of decline.

Photographs of the 55-year-old monarch strolling in the grounds of Sandringham, Norfolk, with her husband Prince Philip, 60, gazed from most newspapers — some alongside shots of Sir Freddie Laker, the one-time epitome of British free-enterprise success whose airline went broke on Friday.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said that, as is traditional on the anniversary of the day the queen's father, George VI, died at Sandringham of lung cancer, there would be no celebrations. "It is a rather sad occasion in that this is the day her father died and naturally, not one for celebration," said her press secretary, Michael Shea.

The conservative *Daily Express* noted that

GCC foreign ministers discuss Iranian threat

BAHRAIN, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Foreign ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council began a two-day extraordinary conference here Saturday with Iran as a key topic of discussion.

The meeting was opened by Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad Bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa, whose country has called for severing ties with Tehran over the Iran-backed plot against the island state. Sheikh Muhammad made no reference to Iran in his brief address to the conference, which Arab diplomats said was organized as a show of support for Bahrain.

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) formed the council in May last year.

Sheikh Muhammad said the parley was aimed at "laying down the ground work for an edifice of cooperation...to ensure the present and protect the future" of the Gulf region. The meeting then went into a closed session.

An official Kuwaiti source was quoted earlier in the day as ruling out a rupture of

GCC diplomatic relations with Iran in the interest of "future understanding" and an end to the 16-month-old Iraq-Iran war. But the same, unidentified source was quoted by the newspaper *Al-Kai Al-Am* as saying that the conference was to discuss joint action to counter Iran's threats to export its revolution to neighboring states of the Gulf region.

Conference sources said meanwhile that the ministers will concentrate on spearheading efforts for security in the Arab-Israeli arena.

In his opening address, Bahrain's foreign minister appealed for Arab unity, vowing that the ministers will seek to avoid "the negativism of the past." The ministers will discuss Saudi Arabia's eight-point Mideast peace plan, advanced by Crown Prince Fahd last August, and Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights.

Sheikh Muhammad said the Gulf ministers will also specifically review the series of joint GCC strategy meetings held in Riyadh over the past two weeks.

Spending set at \$757b

U.S. budget gap is \$91b

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is expected to tell Congress Monday the recession would send federal deficits soaring past \$90 billion this year and next as he submits a 1983 budget calling for deep, new cuts in social programs, billions more for defense and no major tax increases.

"We did not promise the American people a miracle," said the president, who had campaigned on a promise of lower taxes, less spending, more defense and a balanced budget by 1983 or sooner. To an election-year Congress certain to be more critical of his proposals than it was a year ago, Reagan proposed spending for the 1983 fiscal year of \$757.6 billion. The deficit was pegged at \$91.5 billion, a figure only slightly below the revised forecast of \$98.6 billion in the current fiscal year.

To avoid projecting the nation's first \$100 billion deficit, Reagan proposed an additional \$2.4 billion in budget cuts this year in order to reach the \$98.6 billion revised current deficit. He said economic recovery will begin "on schedule" this spring but conceded that unemployment will average 8.9 percent

for 1982. He predicted inflation will continue to be moderate and said interest rates would drop, "if perhaps unevenly."

Reagan, who recently resisted calls by aides and Republicans in Congress to raise taxes, declared: "Our task is to persevere, to stay the course, to shun retreat, to weather the temporary dislocations and pressures that must inevitably accompany the restoration of national economic, fiscal and military health."

He asked for reductions in domestic programs that were cut a year ago — welfare, public housing and food stamps among them — of \$27 billion next year. Social security was exempted while a presidential commission studies proposals for reform, but Medicare was not. Reagan called as well for a second phase of his buildup for the Defense Department and nuclear weapons in the energy department: spending of \$221.1 billion, a \$33.6 billion or 18 percent, increase over the current year. Money for two new nuclear-powered aircraft carriers is included.

The president shunned deficit-reducing proposals for major tax increases but called for elimination of "obsolete incentives" for business to the tune of \$7.2 billion in 1983 and \$34.2 billion through 1985.

He renewed his call for a "new federalism" program that includes a federal takeover of medicated in exchange for full state funding of food stamps and the government's main welfare effort. More than 40 federal programs also would be turned back to the states, along with about \$30 billion in federal revenues to help the states pay for them.

\$9b provided for foreign aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Citing serious threats to U.S. global interests the Reagan administration asked Congress Monday to approve \$4.7 billion in security aid to friendly nations in its 1983 budget, an increase of \$1.2 billion from this year.

It also wants \$5 million to start a new anti-terrorism training program to help foreign law enforcement authorities "combat international terrorism more effectively."

The budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 continues the recent trend toward giving greater emphasis to military and security aid to other nations over traditional economic assistance. That means help is being oriented in the direction of friendly nations and that it may be harder for neutral countries to obtain assistance.

In addition to increased security assistance, there also would be an improvement in the financial terms of the aid, if Congress approved the administration's budget proposals. The budget gave no breakdown of what countries would receive aid. That will be provided in a separate report to Congress later. However, there is little doubt that Israel and Egypt will continue to receive substantially more aid than other nations.

If Congress approves, the total foreign aid budget for fiscal 1983 would amount to \$9.4 billion in budget authority, up from \$8 billion in 1982. Actual outlays would total \$8.2 billion up from \$7.8 billion.

Most of the shift in emphasis from traditional economic aid to security assistance shows up in the requests for spending authority for future years. The administration requested \$4.7 billion in spending authority for international security assistance in fiscal 1983, and \$3.8 billion in outlays, compared with \$3.5 billion in authority and an identical \$3.5 billion in outlays in fiscal 1982.

According to projections in Reagan's 1983 budget, the trend will continue and the outlays for security assistance will exceed outlays for traditional foreign economic aid in fiscal 1984 and again in 1985. Among outlays for security assistance in 1983, the largest items are \$900 million in military sales credits to finance purchases of U.S. weaponry, up from \$755 million in 1982, and \$2.7 billion in economic support funds for countries of strategic importance, up from \$2.3 billion.

For annexing Golan Heights

86 countries vote to punish Israel

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Friday's vote by the United Nations General Assembly against Israel seems to be a further step toward seeking the exclusion of the country from either the U.N. itself or at least the General Assembly, observers said Saturday.

But General Assembly resolutions are recommendations rather than enforceable orders. It would be up to the Security Council, where the United States, France and Great Britain have veto powers, to exclude Israel from the U.N. The vote by 86 Arab, nonaligned and Communist countries for far-reaching sanctions against Israel for annexing the Syrian Golan Heights in December was viewed in Israel as "the most hostile resolution that the assembly has adopted against Israel since the resolution that 'Zionism is a form of racism,' sources close to the Israeli Foreign Ministry said. Most of these 86 countries do not have diplomatic relations with Israel.

Greece, which does not officially recognize Israel, voted for the resolution in a move seen as a further pro-Arab shift by the newly-elected Greek Socialist government. Egypt abstained and the United States and members of the Western European Common Market (EEC) countries, except Greece, voted against the text.

The U.S. reaction to the resolution was especially strong. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., called it "this miserable resolution" designed only for vengeance and reprisal.

The resolution said Israel was not a peace-loving nation, asked U.N. members to isolate the Zionist state by suspending military aid as

Khaled donates to marriage fund

RIYADH, Feb. 6 (SPA) — King Khaled has donated SR5 million to the one-year-old fund to help finance marriage expenses young men encounter upon getting married. The fund is to meet the soaring cost of wedlock.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, director-general of the scholarly research and religious guidance said Saturday that the King had donated a similar sum last year bringing the total so far received from donors to over SR37 million.

Crown Prince Fahd has donated a total of SR9 million for the same purpose while Defense Minister Prince Sultan gave SR2 million. Other donations ranged from SR3 million by an anonymous donor to SR50,000 by a businessman.

The fund was set up last year by Sheikh Abdul Aziz to help young men get married by offering part of the cost of the ceremony.

well as economic, financial and diplomatic relations and called Israel's annexation moves "illegal and invalid." Another aim of the resolution, to have Israel expelled from the U.N.'s special organizations, seemed unlikely because of the attitude of Western nations. The abstentions of Spain and such Latin American countries as Argentina, Colombia and Venezuela also worked in Israel's favor.

Israel cannot be expelled from the U.N. except by the Security Council, but it might be ejected from the General Assembly if its credentials were questioned at the next regular session starting in September.

But the vote was also seen as a victory for Arab unity. Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, in New York to emphasize Syria's sponsorship of the resolution, was quoted Saturday in the Lebanese daily *Al-Nahar* as saying that he praised the common effort made by Arab countries to pass it. He called the vote "a political victory for Arabs."

Khaddam said the Arab countries had scored a "sweeping political victory," achieved worldwide support and worldwide rejection of Israeli policy. He said the resolution canceled the legitimacy of Israel's U.N. membership by declaring the country was not committed to peace or to U.N. resolutions.

In Damascus, the official media echoed Khaddam's triumphant tone. The state radio said the "Victory has put American and Israeli diplomacy in a tight corner despite the enormous resources and octopus-like channels they possess in the world." But the government newspaper *Tishrin* cautioned that the diplomatic battle was "a complementary means to restore land and rights... and was never a substitute for the only alternative."

By the only alternative, *Tishrin* appeared to mean forcing concessions from Israel by building up Arab military power, in line with Damascus' aim of achieving an Arab-Israeli strategic balance.

In Kuwait, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah also sounded a restrained note. He told reporters the resolution "is positive irrespective of its strength or weakness. And we hope that the countries

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Fahd receives Sudan minister

RIYADH, Feb. 6 — (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz, the deputy premier, Saturday received at his office here the visiting Sudanese Energy Minister Al Sherif Al Thobani.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

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Involving gold, silver and other commodities

Heavy risks lead to speculation ban

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — The Commerce Ministry banned speculations in gold and silver in local or foreign markets partly because investors remain ignorant of the risks that speculation involves and later results in heavy losses.

Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim has said that such investors were compelled to take recourse to the ministry of commerce and other official circles to consider their problems.

In a statement to *Al-Jazirah* Saturday, Solaim said all companies and establishments in the Kingdom have been forbidden from speculating in gold and silver in local or foreign markets and also from making such announcements to encourage public participation in it. Commerce Minister Dr. Solaim A. Solaim has said.

The minister said it was recently rumored that some Saudi nationals and local residents have invested their capitals in speculation in world stock markets dealing in gold, silver and other commercial commodities, such as sugar, coffee, cocoa, iron, tin, zinc and copper. He added that, in recent days, some companies, establishment and individuals were found working as intermediaries in those speculations and inducing the public to invest their capitals in those markets for quick gains.

Art show staged

DAMMAM, Feb. 6 (SPA) — A national plastic arts exhibition, organized by the Saudi Arabian Culture and Arts Society of Ahsa, opened here Saturday. The exhibition, the second by the society, comprises works of 36 male and female artists illustrating the local environment and life pattern.

Solaim said that, since speculation in world stock markets does not always bring good results in view of fluctuations in the economic and political scenes, the ministry decided to ban speculation.

In view of all this, a ministerial decision was taken to ban speculation and also to forbid any commercial agency from registering with a foreign company or establishment whose activities are connected with investment or mediation in speculation in valuable metals in world markets, the minister said.

Cypriots explore trade prospects

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — A trade mission from Cyprus arrived here Friday night on a two-week visit to the Kingdom to promote trade between two countries, its leader Michael Erotokritos, director-general at the ministry of commerce and industry, said Saturday.

He told *Arab News* that the 45-member delegation includes six officials and 39 businessmen. Business members represent clothing, footwear, chemical, foodstuffs, plastic products, cosmetics and toy industries.

The team will be in Jeddah until Feb. 9 and an exhibition of the items it offers opened at the Sheraton Hotel Saturday. The group will hold talks with officials of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sunday and visit Riyadh Feb. 10 to 13 and Dammam Feb. 15 to 17.

As regards other non-restricted commercial goods in which investors undertake speculations with the intention of making profits, which may not accrue, Solaim said the commerce ministry advises the public to desist from getting involved in this kind of investment.

The minister reiterated that the state has provided incentives, having no parallel in other countries, in order that the citizens invest their capital in industrial, agricultural and other spheres in the Kingdom itself.

Muslim official holds talks at MWL

MAKKAH, Feb. 6 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, Muslim World League secretary general, held a meeting here Saturday with Sheikh Muhammad Al-Alwani, imam and director of the Islamic cultural center of Brussels and secretary general of the European continental council for mosques.

They discussed the council's activities and work plan for the current year for the propagation of Islam. They also reviewed the work progress of the local mosques council in Belgium and the activities and efforts of the

MEPA hosts regional environment meeting

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 (SPA) — The Jeddah regional conference of government delegates and experts for preserving marine environment and coastal areas of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden opened here Saturday.

The meeting, attended by Saudi Arabia, Jordan, North Yemen, South Yemen, Somalia, Sudan and the Palestine Liberation Organization, is held at the Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration (MEPA). The opening session was addressed by Dr. Abdul Bar Al-Gain, assistant director general of MEPA, who commended the role played by the Arab League Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization

(ALESCO) which sponsors the talks.

Gain also thanked other international organizations which contributed efforts. He reviewed what has been implemented so far to preserve the marine environment and coastal areas of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. The Kingdom, through MEPA, had prepared a plan and presented it to last year's meeting. The plan monitors activities that can harm the Red Sea life, including deep-sea fishing and mining.

Executive Director of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Environmental Program Dr. Abdullah Banaja briefed the participants on the conference's agenda. Dr. Gain was

elected chairman of the experts' group while Abdul Rauf Abideen of Jordan and Dr. Zarar Hassan Nasr of Sudan were chosen as vice-chairman and rapporteur, respectively. A draft committee was formed comprising the Kingdom, Jordan, Sudan, Palestine, Somalia and North Yemen.

Participants then deliberated on the contents of the agenda and are expected to convene Sunday to continue discussions.

Last year's conference approved the final draft document on conservation of marine life and coastal areas in the region. Jeddah was chosen as the headquarters for the regional organization.

BRIEFS

JEDDAH (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Makkah Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen opens the 16th session of the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO) here Sunday. The three-day session will be headed by Capt. Ahmad Mattar, director general of Saudia.

DAMMAM (SPA) — Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, minister of posts, telegraph and telephones, will hold an open dialogue with the students and staff of the King Faisal University here Tuesday.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Malaysian Education Minister Dr. Sulaiman Duwood met here Saturday with Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid, director of education of the Western region. The discussions, attended by the Malaysian ambassador to the Kingdom, centered on the various aspects of cooperation in cultural fields.

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Islamic center's personnel.

Alwini expressed his appreciation of the kingdom's efforts in spreading the Islamic call and thanked the MWL for its assistance to the Islamic center and to the mosques council.

In another development, the Academy of Islamic Jurisprudence resumed its deliberations here Saturday under Sheikh Harakan, who is the academy's vice-chairman. Subjects discussed included the paper currency and the prayers and fasting timings.

Club will organize a seminar on the "trend of the Saudi national" at the Institute of Public Administration here Tuesday. Participants will include, Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji, interior undersecretary; Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel, commerce undersecretary, and Dr. Ibrahim Al-Munif, director general of the central region's electricity company.

DAMMAM (SPA) — Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qabani, rector of King Faisal University, met with Dr. Muhammad Kicman, vice-chancellor of the Middle East University in Turkey. They discussed the exchange of scientific and technical expertise and cooperation between the two universities.

JEDDAH — The Pakistani trade delegation, on an exploratory tour of the Kingdom's market, arrived here Saturday. The group arrived from Madinah where it held talks with officials of the chamber of commerce and industry and businessmen there. The 10-man team concluded visits to the Eastern Province and Riyadh where it had talks with Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim. It is scheduled to proceed to Makkah for talks with the chamber's officials and business representatives Sunday.

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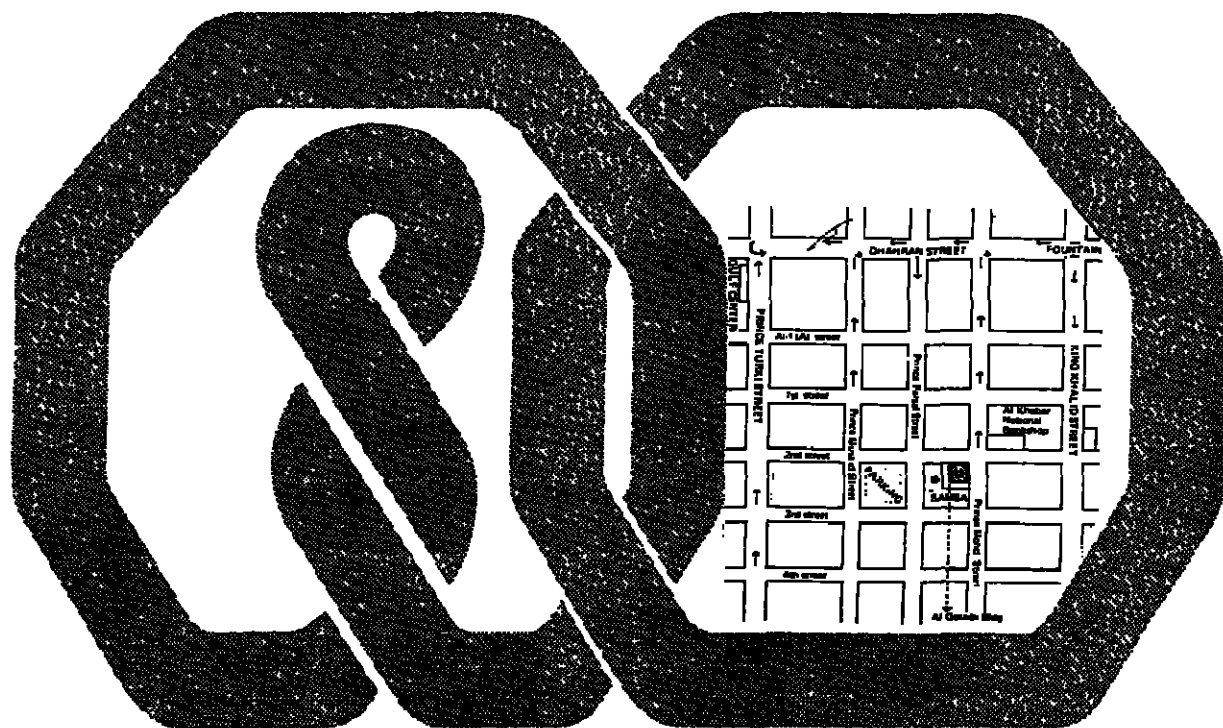
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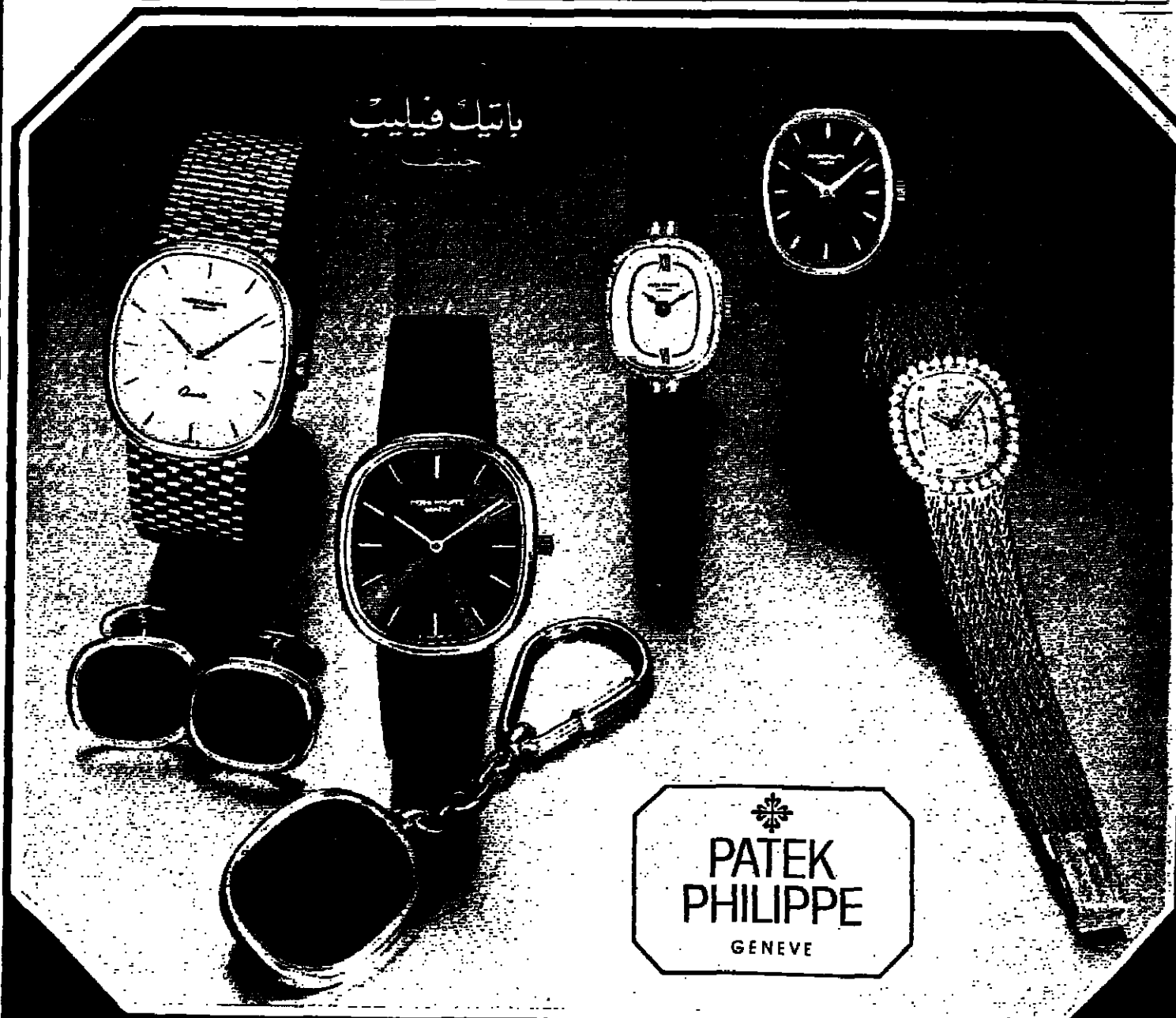
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Fire fighting parley to open

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 6 — The three-day symposium on modern firefighting methods, organized by the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization here, will be inaugurated by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaim, who also is the chairman of SASO, Monday.

Engineers, planners and consultants, besides architects and representatives of various factories and government institutions will be attending the symposium at which research papers will be read out. There will also be discussions on the building design and the code of practices followed in the Kingdom. Building materials used in construction, their methods of manufacture and testing in relation to their fire resistance capacity will also be examined.

Participants in the symposium include, among others, Dr. Khaled Yusuf Al-Khalaf, director general of SASO; Rashad A. Saqr, general secretary of the interior ministry's supreme organization of industrial safety; Prince Abdullah ibn Faisal ibn Turki, royal general director of safety department commission for Jubail and Yanbu; Maj. Muhammad Nasser, civil defense institute director; Bjarne Strand of Royal Danish Ministry of Housing and Mukhtar Al-Shibani of SASO.

There will be an exhibition on modern fire fighting equipment at the end of the symposium. The information gleaned from the symposium will be utilised by SASO in formulating the standards concerning the fire protection system in the Kingdom.

Worth over SR400m

Jeddah tourist plans set

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — Crown Prince Fahd has approved the new tourist plans for Jeddah and directed officials to implement them in conformity with the city's development and its Red Sea position. The plans are estimated to cost nearly half-a-billion.

According to *Al-Riyadh* Saturday, the royal approval was given after a recent meeting between the crown prince and Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi who said that the site has been designed in the shape of islets spread into an area of two million sq. meters. The area will consist of two mosques, restaurants for families and functions and a horse racing track.

Group studies Jizan's needs

JIZAN, Feb. 6 (SPA) — The committee charged with studying the conditions of town and villages of the western coast conferred Friday night with the emir of Jizan, Sheikh Muhammad ibn Turki Al-Sudairi.

The committee, led by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi, had visited Ghorrah, Turbayan, Board, Turbatul Jouf, Guwaldesh, Emarah, Quraish, Hulail and Bariq. The committee's members met the emirs and notable of the villages and town and discussed their needs and conditions of services.

It includes undersecretaries of communications, health, municipal and social affairs; assistant undersecretaries of the interior and planning; and the regional representatives of the ministries of municipal and rural affairs, agriculture and water, and finance.

The emir of Jizan gave a dinner banquet in honor of the committee.

Farsi said their architectural designs will have the features of most areas inside the Kingdom, in addition to a tower and harbor for the yachts. He added that Prince Fahd also agreed that the creeks in front of the Hamra area be deepened and wharves constructed and illuminated. A sum of SR400 million has been allocated for the project and another SR15 million for the creation of a thicker on the cornice, he said.

The mayor added that the crown prince has shown a keen interest in the southern part and has agreed to sanction a budget grant of SR125 million for the completion of the cornice in that region.

On the other hand, the Jeddah municipality is carrying out studies on the construction of independent suburban areas at least 30 kms. away from the city. The municipality is also making plans for the site of the old airport and how best it could be turned into a full-fledged model town.

Al-Sheikh, Austrian ponder cooperation in agriculture

RIYADH, Feb. 6 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh held talks on cooperation Saturday with Austrian Agriculture and Forestry Minister Ghunther Hayden.

They discussed cooperation in breeding horses and assistance in examining seeds at the seed improvement center planned in the Kingdom. Talks also covered private sector cooperation in the two countries on milk production and seeking Austrian expertise in chicken and cattle feeding, in addition to cooperation in training personnel in dairy, poultry and animal husbandry activities.

The meeting was attended by Muhammad Ali Makki, undersecretary for agricultural affairs; Abdul Aziz al-Madeel, undersecretary for research; other officials of the ministry and the delegation accompanying the Austrian minister.

Hayden later was received by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim. The two officials reviewed cooperation in some commercial aspects. He also visited Riyadh's National Antiquities Museum. The Austrian minister arrived here earlier in the morning from Hofuf and was received by Al-Sheikh. His four-day tour of the Kingdom began Thursday in Dhahran.

Friday, he inspected agriculture and water ministry projects in Ahsa. He was shown the irrigation and drainage project, the veterinary training center, Luwaimi reservoir and the sand checking project. Hayden was accompanied by Abdullah Al-Babtain, director general of the Ahsa irrigation and drainage project authority.

He paid a similar visit to Jubail Friday where he saw the water desalination project and other industrial ventures.

Malaysia to get \$174 million aid

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 6 (AP) — The Saudi Arabian government has agreed to give Malaysia 400 million ringgits (\$174.7 million) in aid for more than 13 projects under the fourth Malaysia plan (1981/1984). Trade and Industry Minister Tengku Ahmad Rizaudeen said Saturday.

Tengku Ahmad, who returned last week from negotiations with officials in Riyadh, said the aid included funds for the construction of an oil refinery in Malacca, 150 km southeast of here. He was speaking at a meeting of his political party.

Saudi Arabia also agreed to supply Malaysia with 20,000 barrels of crude oil daily effective immediately, he said. The amount is to be increased to 50,000 barrels in 1987.

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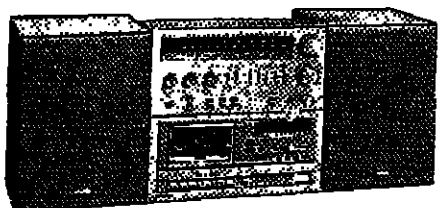
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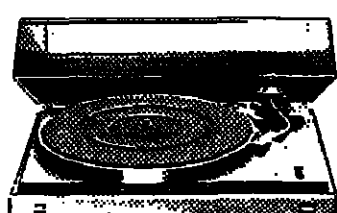
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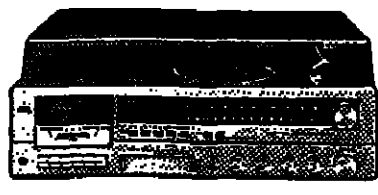
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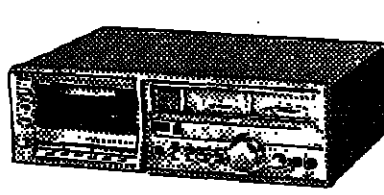
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Syria to invoke treaty with USSR if attacked by Israel -- Khaddam

BEIRUT, Feb. 6 (AP) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam said in a magazine interview published Saturday his government will invoke its treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union if Syria is attacked by Israel.

"Israel and the United States realize what the activation of this treaty will mean," Khaddam said in an interview with the Paris-based independent Lebanese magazine *Al-Mustakbal*. But he did not spell out the Soviets' treaty obligations in case of a Syrian-Israeli war.

Al-Mustakbal said Khaddam, interviewed at the United Nations, made the statement on the friendship treaty in response to a question about a general conviction in the United States that Israel could defeat Syria in a blitzkrieg.

"Syria is not an easy fish to swallow," Khaddam said. "An aggression on Syria will make Syria invoke the provisions of the treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union."

Syrian President Hafez Assad signed the treaty in Moscow on Oct. 8, 1980. Published clauses of the document provide for consultation and cooperation between the two countries in case of an external threat to the security of either nation. Since the signing of the treaty, the Syrians have been pressing for military parity with Israel within the framework of what they call a strategic bal-

ance in the Middle East.

Khaddam said the need for a strategic balance became a more pressing after the United States and Israel concluded the now-suspended strategic cooperation pact late last year.

The strategic balance, Khaddam said, has three major foundations:

— That Syria be strong politically, economically and militarily in the full sense of the word strong.

— That other major Arab states undertake an efficient partnership with Syria in confronting aggression on the grounds that the Middle East conflict is not only a Syrian-Israeli conflict but an Arab-Israeli one too.

— That the Arab states as a whole forge solid relations with the Soviet Union to match strong existing ties between the United States and Israel.

"The Arabs," Khaddam said, "face three major forces that fall within the framework of a unified front. These forces are Israel, the international Zionist movement and the United States. So consequently there should be three forces in the opposite front. These are Syria, the Arab states and a solid relationship with the Soviet Union."

Khaddam said Syria would keep on seeking expanded arms supplies from the Soviet Union to achieve military parity with Israel. But he declined to be specific, saying only that Israel's military arsenal was "much bigger at present than what we have."



Abdul Halim Khaddam

Israel's Eytan sees no threat to ceasefire

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — A buildup of Palestinian commando forces in southern Lebanon does not pose an immediate threat to the U.S.-mediated ceasefire along Israel's northern border, Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan said Friday.

"I don't think this commando reorganization and rearmament put us in a difficult situation which we cannot handle," Eytan said.

Eytan said he did not think the fighting that raged across the Israeli-Lebanon border for two weeks last July would resume immediately. "This could be in the future," he said. "But that's not the situation today."

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon warned earlier this week that Israel would not tolerate a resumption of fighting along the northern border, and said Israel would react sharply if attacked.

Eytan contradicted claims made Thursday by Maj. Saad Haddad, Lebanese commander of the Israeli-backed rightist militia forces in southern Lebanon, that more than 900 commandos had infiltrated the border area controlled by the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Eytan said the largest commando force and their heavy weapons were concentrated north of the Litani River, and said there was no massive commando infiltration into areas supervised by U.N. peacekeeping forces.

Meanwhile, U.N. sources said Palestinian commandos have withdrawn most of 60 men they moved into a village in South Lebanon controlled by United Nations troops.

Turkish press faces new curbs

ANKARA, Feb. 6 (R) — Turkey's military rulers announced further restrictions against the press Saturday and banned non-government bodies from inviting or meeting foreign delegations. The military, which seized power 17 months ago after years of rampant political violence, issued a statement banning the Turkish press from quoting foreign news reports critical of Turkey.

It ordered societies, foundations, trade unions, and other bodies to seek the permission of the martial law authorities before inviting foreign delegations.

Permission must also be sought for meetings with any foreign delegation arriving in Turkey uninvited, the statement said. The measures reflected a deterioration in relations between Turkey and the West following criticism of Turkey's military rule last week by the Council of Europe, of which Turkey is a member.

Head of State Gen. Kenan Evren accused the council of interfering in Turkey's affairs and hinted Turkey might withdraw from the body.

The press has not been censored since the September 1980 coup although editors have been warned to stick to guidelines laid down by the generals.

Saturday's military statement was vague. It banned Turkish newspapers from quoting foreign radio stations or other foreign news media "that continually spread lies and feelings of hatred against Turkey and against the present administration." But they appeared free to quote foreign news reports not critical of Turkey's military rulers.

No-war pact talks seen as victory for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 6 (ONS) — The talks on a no-war pact in New Delhi between Pakistan's Foreign Minister Agha Shahi and his Indian counterpart, Narasimha Rao, are seen in Islamabad as a major victory for Pakistan. Although limited in their discussions, both sides have not only agreed on the need for such a pact and declared it to be in the best interests of regional security, but they have also recorded "mutual understanding" on a number of issues. The talks are to be resumed in Islamabad within a fortnight.

When the no-war pact was first proposed, the Indians decided to appear aghast. How could a country which had fought three wars with India, which had just signed a \$3.2 billion agreement with the United States primarily for the supply of military equipment, which was buying the lethal F-16, which was embarking on its biggest military buildup for decades, say it wanted peace. The Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Gandhi was dismissive.

But Pakistan remained determined and conveyed its proposal, formally, to the Indian Foreign Office in November. Even when violations of the United Nations-supervised line of control in Kashmir reached a seven-year high, President Zia ul-Haq dismissed them as routine, regrettable but no cause for alarm. Islamabad repeated that it was sincere in wanting peace and that the Indians were being churlish.

Pakistan presented a strong case. Much of its military equipment is out-of-date. Although the Americans were supplying sophisticated equipment and 40 F-16s, at the same time India—with an already massive arms superiority over Pakistan—was



Agha Shahi

buying arms from the Soviet Union including advanced combat aircraft.

There are genuinely-held fears here of a Moscow-Kabul-Delhi axis, fears which have not been allayed by India's refusal to condemn outright Moscow's Afghan adventure. Shahi, before going to Delhi spoke, with some disappointment of "regional changes which have unfortunately produced friction and an increase of tension between Pakistan and India rather than proximity and mutual understanding which might have been expected."

But doubt remains on both sides. India and Pakistan share a history of conflict and confrontation and misunderstanding. It was only in 1972, with the Simla Agreement, that both sides formally renounced the use of force for the settlement of their disputes — including Kashmir.

Ex-Iran official and brother slain

BEIRUT, Feb. 6 (AP) — A former deputy cabinet minister and his brother have been assassinated in Tehran, the official news agency IRNA reported Saturday. IRNA said two motorcyclists opened fire on Muhammad Ali Amd and his brother Reza Friday night as the two were entering their house in Africa Street in one of Tehran's posh residential areas.

Muhammad died immediately and his brother died soon after being taken to a hospital.

Muhammad Ali Amd was deputy minister of industry and mines after the 1979 revolution which deposed the Shah. IRNA did not say when he served in the government. The

agency said the two attackers escaped. Investigations are underway.

For the past seven months underground leftist urban guerrillas have been waging a campaign of bombing and assassinations against Ayatollah Khomeini's regime. The government says more than 1,000 prominent Khomeini supporters have died in the attacks, while at least 1,671 government foes have been reported executed.

In one of the most recent reported assassination attempts, President Ali Khamenei's brother, Muhammad Khamenei, a parliament member from the northeastern city of Mashad, was shot and wounded in Tehran on Jan. 10.

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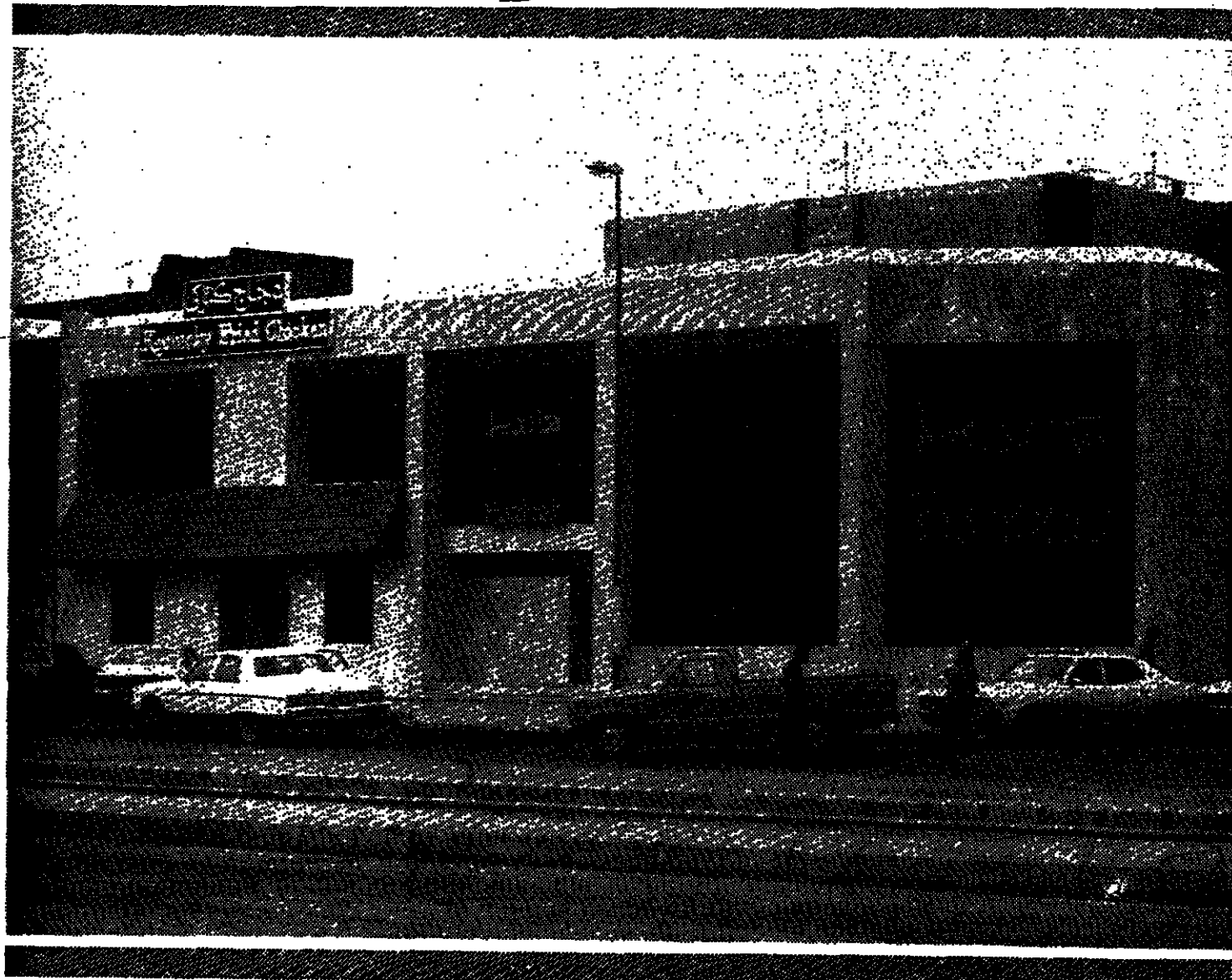
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Mubarak discusses M.E. with Thatcher

LONDON, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher met Saturday for talks focusing mainly on the Middle East peace process and the outcome of his trip to the United States.

Mubarak, who arrived in London after four days in the U.S., is on his first visit to Britain since assuming power after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat last October.

Mubarak and Mrs. Thatcher had a private meeting and were later joined by their aides at the prime minister's country residence outside London, Egyptian officials said. They added that the two leaders discussed what would happen in the Middle East after Israel completes its withdrawal from the Sinai in April.

Britain is one of four countries in the European Economic Community (EEC) taking part in a multinational peacekeeping force which will patrol the Egyptian-Israeli border after the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

Moves to improve negotiations between Egypt and Israel for Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank of the River Jordan and the Gaza Strip were also discussed at Saturday's meeting, the officials said.

The autonomy talks are bogged down because of differences between Egypt and Israel on how much self-rule the 1.5 million Palestinians living in the two areas should have.

Officials here said Britain wanted to know Mubarak's views on the role the EEC could play to help reach a comprehensive Middle East settlement. Mubarak is expected to

restate Egypt's commitment to the Camp David peace process and to say he will carry on Egypt's policy of peace with Israel after the Zionist state completes its withdrawal from Sinai.

Also on the agenda of the talks was a strengthening of bilateral cooperation in economic, military and other fields, officials said.

In Washington, Mubarak pledged Friday to build new "bridges of understanding and friendship" with Israel after its withdrawal from Sinai in April. "This policy is irreversible," Mubarak said in a speech to the National Press Club. "It is the trend of the future."

At the same time, Mubarak renewed his call for the United States to "start a dialogue" with Palestinian Arabs. "The core of the whole problem is the Palestinian problem," he said at a news conference. "We should not deny that."

Declaring there are "many moderate Palestinians," the Egyptian leader said they will join the stalled Mideast peace talks once a declaration of principles is reached by Egyptian and Israeli negotiators.

Mubarak said any Palestinian council that is set up must have control over the land now held by Israel. "We cannot say that the authority will have control over the people and not the land," Mubarak said.

"If we Egyptians accept such a principle, we will be attacked from every country in the world," he said.

Meanwhile, the Reagan administration, in a vote of confidence for Mubarak, is granting Egypt greater control over its \$1 billion U.S. economic aid package and proposing that military aid be boosted \$400 million.

Mubarak, while taking a conciliatory stand in his speech, denied he is setting new conditions for a solution to the Palestinian dispute. He had opened his four-day visit to Washington Wednesday urging President Ronald Reagan to support a "national entity" for the 1.5 million Palestinian Arabs living under Israeli control.

In his speech, Mubarak said Egypt will keep negotiating for a Palestinian autonomy plan. But he said it was up to the Palestinians to settle the question of self-rule.

On other matters, Mubarak advocated creation of a nuclear-free zone in the Middle East.

Arms shipments to PLO may lead to war, Haig says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said any supply of armaments to Palestinian fighters in southern Lebanon could lead to renewed fighting on the border with Israel. Haig was answering a question Friday about a Reuters report from Damascus quoting Palestinian sources as saying the Soviet Union had supplied the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) with weapons and military equipment worth \$50 million over the last three months.

Haig, who did not specifically mention the Soviet Union, said: "We view the provision of armaments to Palestinian elements in southern Lebanon as an aggravation to the efforts we have been engaged in to prevent the outbreak of conflict."

The Damascus report said the PLO had received surface-to-air and ground-to-ground missiles, field guns and radar. Haig said: "It is true there are reports of levels of both tubed artillery (and) rocketry moving through Lebanon to the Palestinian forces in southern Lebanon."

Haig, asked whether the shipments could lead to renewed fighting, replied: "It has the potential, of course."

The United States helped work out the seven-month-old South Lebanon ceasefire between the Palestinian commandos and the Israelis.

Haig suggested that U.S. diplomat Philip Habib, whom President Reagan sent to the area last year to help arrange the ceasefire, might return there soon. "This is one of the areas of focus for Ambassador Habib, to achieve a termination of these destabilizing actions," Haig said. "In the period ahead, he will clearly have additional work to do in that area."

Polisario seeks direct talks with Morocco

NAIROBI, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — The Polisario Front Saturday demanded direct negotiations with Morocco to achieve peace in the disputed Western Sahara. Without direct negotiations — which Morocco has repeatedly rejected — the Polisario said there can be no peace agreement and referendum in the mineral-rich territory.

Polisario Minister of Information Muhammad Salem Ould Saleck held a news conference as foreign ministers of a seven-nation Organization of African Unity committee began meeting to try and draft a plan of action for a ceasefire and referendum in the Western Sahara. A two-day heads of state mini-summit on the Western Sahara begins Monday.

"For the Polisario Front, negotiations cannot be other than with Morocco and the Polisario together in the same place supervised by the (OAU) Implementation Committee," Saleck said. "It is impossible to achieve the peace without negotiations between the Polisario Front and Morocco."

The Polisario has been waging a war for independence of the Western Sahara since Spain withdrew from the territory in early 1976. Morocco, which lays historic claim to the territory, has annexed the Western Sahara in stages over the past six years.

The seven-nation OAU Implementation Committee set conditions last August for a ceasefire and referendum which were somewhat ambiguous on the question of negotiations between the warring parties.

The OAU proposal says: "The committee orders the parties in conflict to agree on a ceasefire through negotiations under the auspices of the (OAU) Implementation Committee."

The Polisario also accused the United States of impeding a peaceful settlement by its "direct military intervention" on the side

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of Morocco. "This is a very grave obstacle," Saleck said.

The Polisario said it was going to ask the so-called "Committee of Wise Men" to eliminate "all the obstacles which can stop the free exercise of the people of the Western Sahara for the right of self-determination and independence."

Kenyan Foreign Minister Robert Ouko opened the meeting, saying the foreign ministers would try and assist the heads of state "by clarifying issues, exchanging views ... and receiving reports" from all interested parties.

All seven foreign ministers — from Kenya, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Mali — attended. Morocco is represented by its secretary of state and cooperation, Tazi Abdelhaq, and the Polisario by its foreign minister, Hakim Ibrahim.

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BEIRUT, (AFP) — Iraqi Vice-Premier Taha Ramadan told a press conference in Baghdad Saturday that between 10,000 and 12,000 Arab volunteers, mostly Syrians and Egyptians, were fighting on the Iraqi side in the war against Iran.

AMMAN, (AP) — U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Brian Urquhart met Saturday with King Hussein to discuss current Middle East issues and the situation in southern Lebanon, according to an official announcement.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Iran threatened again Friday to boycott the nonaligned nations' summit meeting in Baghdad, next September if the venue were not changed. Former Iranian Prime Minister Ayatollah Mahdavi Kani told a news conference after meeting with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and External Affairs Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao that, "we do not approve of Iraq, with whom we are at war, hosting the conference."

WASHINGTON, (R) — At least six Americans are being held in Iranian prisons more than a year after the release of the hostages at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, the State Department said Friday night. The department identified two of the six Americans but refused to say how long they had been held or why.

BELGRADE, (AP) — Iran's foreign minister arrived Friday on a surprise visit. Tanjug news agency reported. Little was known about the purpose of the trip.

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Why U.S. foreign policy flopped in Middle East

By Freeman Gregory
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — U.S. foreign policy has flopped in the Middle East because it is based on political perceptions that differ from those projected by leaders who govern the region, according to one prominent Middle East observer. Dr. John Duke Anthony, a regular consultant to the U.S. State Department on affairs concerning the Arabian Peninsula and a fellow of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, delivered a detailed description of the present political and military climate that exists in the Middle East to a gathering of more than 100 people in Houston last Monday.

Dr. Anthony's address was the first lecture in a series sponsored by the Houston Seminar called *Middle East Update: Politics, Petroleum and Revolution 1982*. The series of lectures is scheduled each Monday of February and March.

The Middle East expert told the gathering that the United States' foreign policy in that region consists of a series of attempts to convince the Arabs that the Soviet Union is their primary enemy, and that cooperation with the United States in depriving Russia of access to the region is in their best interest. However, Dr. Anthony said, the area's residents do not perceive the Soviet Union as the chief threat to their security. As a matter of fact, many regimes in the Middle East are as suspicious of U.S. intentions as they are of the Soviets', he said.

What concerns the region's governments most is internal security. Many areas of unrest exist in the Middle East, and those conflicts supersede worries over the Soviets on the Arabs' list of security priorities, he said.

Of greater importance to the Middle Eastern countries is the end of the inter-regional strife that disrupts the even flow of progress in the area, Anthony said. Some of the "hot spots" that currently exist in the Middle East include:

— The Iran-Iraq war. Even though both countries are located near the Soviet Union and their petroleum holdings are attractive to the Soviets, Iran and Iraq perceive each other as the most important threat to their national security. Anthony said that many of the area's regimes are apprehensive about a victory in the conflict because that would free the winner to seek similar contact with other countries in the region. Both Iran and Iraq possess standing armies and are recently battle tested, he said.

— Syria's presence in Lebanon. When Israel shot down two Syrian military helicopters in the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon last year, Syria placed several batteries of surface-to-air (SAM) missiles there. Israel has repeatedly threatened to launch air strikes on the missile positions and Syria faces some "tough sledding" on the matter, he said.

— A long-standing enmity between Egypt and Libya. Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi's attitude has alarmed many of his neighbors, especially Egypt under the late President Anwar Sadat. Qaddafi even boasted Libya promoted Sadat's assassination last year. However, Sadat's successor, Hosni Mubarak, has apparently set out to restore some level of friendship with his neighbors. As recently as last week, Mubarak reopened some of the border stations between the two countries and has pulled back some of Egypt's military units from the border.

— The civil war between North and South Yemen. Long as ally of the Soviet Union, South Yemen invaded its northern counterpart last year and was beaten back. Currently, article of unification have been drawn up by the two countries' leaderships, and a merger of the two Yemens now seems possible.

— A border conflict between Somalia and Ethiopia. Somalia, until recently, was a Soviet stronghold in the Horn of Africa. When Somalia removed the Soviets from its environs and estab-

lished a relationship with the United States, Russia was extremely unhappy. Nonetheless, Somalia's chief worry is not Soviet reprisal, but political tension between it and Ethiopia, he said.

— The Palestinian problem. Central to any discussions concerning better relations between the United States and the Arab countries is the disposition of the Palestinian peoples. Anthony said. Any move to settle the status of the Palestinians by the United States can only enhance the U.S. position in the region.

— Israel's apparent inability to coalesce diplomatically with any of its Arab neighbors except Egypt. The abrupt and illegal annexation of Syria's Golan Heights by Israel is just the latest in a series of strategic moves against its Arab neighbors by Israel. The almost natural antagonism that exists between Israel and the Arab world serves as a perennial thorn in the side of any would-be peacemaker. The United States' continuing support of Israel, despite obvious political and military wrongdoings, diminishes U.S. ability to deal realistically with the Arabs, he said.

Anthony emphasized that anyone who would understand the total Middle East picture cannot separate one regional conflict from that picture. All the differences among the countries must be considered to obtain a proper understanding of the political and military climate there, he said.

The Arab countries located around the Arabian Gulf have openly stated their desire to defend the region themselves, and formed a strategic alliance called the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) last year, he said.

The GCC's willingness to patrol the area is to the advantage of the United States, Anthony maintained. Former President Jimmy Carter stated that many U.S. strategists already knew in 1980 when he declared the importance of the Gulf area to the United States. Because the GCC membership is willing to foot the bill for Gulf defense, much less

financial burden is placed on U.S. taxpayers, he said.

Before the GCC's creation, the United States poured huge sums into the Iranian coffers to buy military equipment that was used by the Iranian army to patrol the Gulf. The revolution in Iran ended America's foothold in the region.

One of the undesirable byproducts of that revolution is Iran's desire to export it. The most recent example of that desire turned up in Bahrain late last year when a group of 60 Iranian-trained subversives attempted a coup in the island country. The coup was thwarted, but heightened GCC membership's awareness of exported internal subversion.

That awareness has resulted in several meetings at the organization's headquarters in Riyadh, including the most recent one in January in which the membership agreed on a mutual defense pact.

Despite U.S. overtures to the Arabs, he said, the region's governments remain wary of the U.S. The most glaring example of that apprehension became apparent during the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force's (RDF) operation "Bright Star" in which a large detachment of U.S. military personnel and equipment were flown to Egypt and Oman to participate in strategic exercises. Most Arab leaders perceived the operation as a "two-edged sword," Anthony said. While the mission was supposed to practice protection for the region's vital oilfields, many leaders expressed belief that the operation could also serve as practice for a Western takeover of the region.

Anthony said that Middle East's perception of its relationship with the United States and the Soviet Union is best related in an African proverb that describes a conflict between two elephants.

While no clear victor may emerge from the confrontation, the grass beneath the pachyderms will most certainly be crushed. The Arabs do not wish to be like grass trampled beneath the feet of warring elephants, he said.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTE

There may be a tendency in the Arab world or parts of it to take the United Nations General Assembly vote against Israel as an Arab victory. It is not.

The vote is not going to restore to the Arabs one inch of territory either in the Syrian Golan Heights, Palestine, Jordan or Lebanon. It only went to show that most of the Western states of Europe and the U.S. voted against the resolution while most of the Oriental and African countries voted for it as moral reprimand of Israel. The resolution to boycott Israel will be mostly ignored and Israel will continue to remain in the U.N. and will persist in flouting its resolutions, occupy more territory, annex more Arab lands and bomb any target within range of its American bombers, thanks to the blind U.S. support, money and weapons.

But the resolution served to expose Israel as an unrepentant aggressor and an international predator with massive American support and blessings to enable it to go on doing what it wants and to scoff at U.N. resolutions.

It also showed that the U.S. threat to quit the world body was an empty one since the U.N. is already paralyzed anyway, thanks to the U.S. opposition to imposing any punishment on Israel which has reduced the U.N. to a mere social club and a speaking platform as its only redeeming features.

Besides, the vote has placed the Soviet Union on the side of the majority of mankind in opposing the annexation of the Heights although its own forces continue to occupy the Muslim nation of Afghanistan. In a cruelly cynical manner the American stand was a victory for the Soviet Union stating in a way that annexation and occupation of other peoples' lands may be condoned and do not deserve such harsh condemnation.

In all this melee, the Arabs should once again remind themselves that as far as their dispute with Israel is concerned they have to rely on themselves, their own resources and manpower. Primarily, they should rely on their solidarity which is woefully lacking at present.

There are far too many disputes and wars rending the Arabs asunder and without a solid and durable unity, mutual respect and a swift termination of all that is standing against a return to normalcy in inter-Arab relations.

Saudi Arabian press review

The U.N. General Assembly resolution on the imposition of sanctions against Israel for its illegal annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights and the Gulf Cooperation Council's ministerial council emergency session starting in Manama Saturday were topics of comment in Saturday's newspapers.

Referring to the U.S. threat to withdraw from the United Nations if it decided to suspend Israel from the organization, *Al-Jazirah* said these threats do not make any difference to the fact that the U.N. has already lost its effectiveness.

The paper said it is better for the organization to be dissolved. It added that the U.S. contribution to one-third of the organization's budget does not give Washington the right to determine the fate of the international body.

Al-Bilad said the U.N. resolution has exposed once again the falsehood of Israel's claims on peace and security. It confirms Saudi Arabia's warning to the international opinion that the continued Zionist aggression endangers not only the peace and security of region but also that of the

whole world.

Al-Nadwa condemned Washington's repeated anti-Arab stand on the Golan issue and added that the U.S. support for Israel shows America's hostility toward the Arab nation. "Although the U.N. resolution will not force Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories, it will expose and clearly show who are the real enemies of the Arab nation," the paper said.

Al-Riyadh and *Al-Madinah* led with the emergency meeting of the GCC due to be held Saturday. *Al-Riyadh* observed that the meeting is to cement the political unity of the GCC's six-member states. It noted that the meeting comes at a crucial time since the region is being exposed to foreign threats and malicious ambitions of the big powers.

Al-Madinah observed that the GCC ministerial council is taking the chance to discuss the recent developments in the region. It said the formation of the GCC has foiled the bid of foreign countries to turn the region into a superpowers' sphere of conflict. (SPA)

(Editor's Note: The writer is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Southern California. She lived in Ethiopia from 1966 to 1970 as a military dependent with her family.)

By Lisa Dee-Howell

I once sang for Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. I was dressed in the traditional white *Zoria* and *Shama* and I sang the Amharic welcoming verse in a strained, youthful voice. My Ethiopian friends regarded my performance with awe and envy. It took place in 1968 at a U.S. Army base, Kagnew station, in Asmara. Ethiopia was different then.

That was before the military coup that eventually brought strongman Mengistu Haile Mariam to power. It was before the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, a resistance group of the northern province, accelerated its war of independence, and before the conflict in the Ogaden territory where Somalis and Ethiopians fought over national boundaries. It was before 4 million Ethiopian refugees fled their homeland to neighboring countries, where they now live in abject misery.

Today the strategic Horn of Africa, ensnared by its man-made conflicts, is prime territory for a superpower showdown. Famine and drought magnify the difficulties. I can only grieve for the Ethiopian people who must endure the caprices of ideology and flip-flopping political alliances.

In 1968, Americans and their aid were welcome. But Selassie did not want to depend on one great power alone; he accepted aid from as many nations as offered it. Life was certainly not bountiful then, but it was far better than the tragedy that it has become in Ethiopia today.

In 1974, Selassie's rule was abolished. A military police state was established under the provisional military administrative council (the Dergue). In 1975, Ethiopia was declared a Socialist state, and the successful coup was celebrated as the end of

corruption. By 1977, the struggle for the soul of the revolution was over; the army had won, the civilians had lost.

The Soviet-backed Socialist Dergue immediately nationalized the country's resources and implemented land reforms. To some, the experiment appeared noble. But their hopes were dashed when it resulted in destroying Ethiopia's international credit, which further devastated the impoverished economy. The Soviets provided them with heavy military aid; the Cubans and East Germans gave their officers training, but the Communists gave them little else.

Mengistu now faces two major rebellious upheavals, and is using Soviet-backed military repression as the only means of stopping the Eritrean and Somali resistance groups. Meanwhile, the United States is supplying the Somalis with arms in return for the right to use naval and air facilities, despite the fact that Somalia is a former Soviet client.

While the fighting continues, the civilians are homeless; 90 percent of the refugees are women and children. Because Ethiopia declared itself a Socialist state, most Western countries have cut off economic aid. As both superpowers occupy themselves with an arms buildup, which could easily escalate into a showdown should Somalia increase its support for the fighters in Ethiopia's Ogaden region, the civilians' basic human needs are being violated grotesquely. Who now will champion human rights?

One incident exemplifies the tragic irony that is the Horn of Africa. Deposed Emperor Selassie willed his entire fortune to the people of Ogaden, who suffer most from natural disaster and man-made conflict. After Selassie died, Swiss banks refused to turn over the money of rules that prevent money from being released to the successors of a military coup. The civilians lost again.

Many international religious and relief organiza-

tions have launched appeals for further aid. But the \$10 million that those organizations provide in famine relief could be more useful if some of the funds were pumped into developmental projects targeted for the future of the people. Short-term and long-term aid is essential. The construction of water systems, for example, could help reverse the effects of drought and make some land fertile again.

Political upheaval and war cause large sums of money to be spent on relief. They shatter the development process that could prevent the flow of

refugees. And they erode stability. Only greatly enlarged international aid could break the vicious cycle. But politics prevents that.

I think often of the friends I left behind in Asmara. I know that many have died and still others have lost their homes even if those homes, were only straw-thatched mukal huts. Americans are no longer their friends; political alliances have changed.

It will be a long time before we sing together again. (LAT)



TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Feb. 7th, the 38th day of 1982.

There are 327 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1554 — Troops under Sir Thomas Wyatt march on London.

1793 — Austria and Prussia sign alliance against France.

1831 — Belgian constitution is proclaimed.

1944 — German forces launch assaults on Allies' Anzio bridgehead in Italy.

1947 — British proposal for dividing Palestine into Arab and Jewish zones with administration as trusteeship is rejected by Arabs and Jews.

1959 — The Soviet Union agrees to aid Chinese industry.

1962 — Coal mine explosion in Saarbruecken, Germany, takes lives of 298 miners.

1969 — Nigerian planes bomb and strafe crowded market in village in rebellious Biafra, killing more than 200 people.

1973 — U.S. adviser Henry Kissinger leaves on two-week mission to Hanoi and Peking with the aim of repairing damage after decade of war in Indochina.

1974 — Britain grants independence to small Caribbean island of Grenada.

1978 — Clashes begin between Syrian-dominated peacekeeping forces in Lebanon and Lebanese army regulars and Christian militiamen in Beirut.

1981 — Polish trade union officials urge workers to begin staging one-hour strikes to press demands for independent farmers' unions.

Thought for today:

Constant togetherness is fine — but only for Siamese twins — Victoria Billings, U.S. journalist-writer (1945 —).

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Second-class citizens at home

An unconventional picture shown of Palestinians in occupied land

By Anne Whitehouse
London BureauOn our land, Palestinians Under Israeli rule.
By Antonia Guecia, Octagon Films Ltd.

LONDON — Every day without fail in the village of Umm el-Fahm the women spend several hours bailing out sewage-infected water from their homes and courtyards with plastic buckets. It is soul-destroying work, created by a totally inadequate sewage system in a village with a serious shortage of municipal funds.

This is not the conventional picture of life in Israel. But Umm el-Fahm is in Israel, just inside the north-east corner of the pre-1948 borders. Its 20,000 citizens have Israeli citizenship — for what it is worth — for they are Israel's second class citizens, the land's original inhabitants, the Palestinian Arabs.

Six hundred thousand Palestinian Arabs live inside Israel, or one in every six Israeli citizens is an Arab. In all the talk of Palestinian autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza, the Palestinians who stayed are often forgotten. From land-owners and agrarian peasants before 1948, they have been transformed

into wage laborers commuting to Israel's big cities, or into landless farm workers.

Today they bravely struggle against considerable odds, against discrimination, poverty, certain hardship and an uncertain future. These ordinary people have no alternative but to make life continue as best they can, in a struggle beyond hate and revenge.

A remarkable new British film portrays this daily experience of the Palestinian people inside Israel. *On Our Land* by Antonia Guecia lets these village men and women speak openly for themselves. Their collective tale is at times harrowing and fiercely challenging, but it reflects an indestructible strength and dignity, and often real generosity of spirit.

"We are not Bulgarians or Poles, nor British, nor Germans", laughs a happy bedouin man seated under a tree in the Negev desert. "We are Palestinians!"

Another young man has diligently (and illegally) planted a stony hilltop with olive trees. His own fertile land in the valley was expropriated by the Israeli government for a new settlement. "This cannot last forever", he smiles. "Hitler tried to take over the whole world and look what happened to him!"

"Do you learn about democracy in school?" the interviewer gently asks a young boy who has just seen his father's land taken away and his family ejected. "Yes", answers the boy, and then pauses, smiling ruefully.

But despite unquestionable courage, how many of these smiles are prompted by the presence of a sympathetic camera? The chance to tell the outside world about the injustice of their lives is too rare for these people.

Financed by the American Palestine Education Fund, the film makes no attempt to give an objective picture of the Palestine question.

Iain Bruce, Producer and co-Director of Octagon Films who made the 55 minute film says, "There is no question that it is a piece of propaganda — and this makes it difficult to sell. But it tells a story that has not been told before and needs to be told."

Nevertheless the film has just been bought by two leading European television channels: Britain's new independent Channel Four which goes on the air in November and the channel two in Paris. Interest has been shown by German and Scandinavian stations and there is just a chance that the New York and Boston Broadcasting Authorities may be interested.

A gentle, honest and unassuming film, *On Our Land* deserves the widest possible audience and international consideration of the human injustice it portrays.



BIG HEARTED: This great dame is playing substitute mother to a lion cub which was rejected by its own mother and welcomes the company of an affectionate animal to cuddle up to. The dog is used to looking after lion cubs at the Lion Safari Park at Longleat, England. It is not unusual for a lioness to abandon her first litter.

Existing system is unsatisfactory

India has few telephones per person, not expected to catch up until 1988

By R. J. Venkateswaran

NEW DELHI (PTI)—An Indian citizen will have to wait for another decade in order to be able to get a telephone connection on demand. This conclusion is based on the assumption that the government of India will be able to implement speedily and effectively the recommendations of the high-powered committee on telecommunications, headed by H.C. Sarin, which submitted its report on Dec. 15, 1981.

The committee has suggested that by the end of 1988, telephone connections should be given to anyone who asks for it. But the Union Minister for Communications C. M. Stephen, has said it would need another two to three years to achieve this objective.

Although India has made considerable progress in developing the telephone system in recent years, the existing facilities are far too inadequate to meet the country's needs. At the time of independence, there were 321 exchanges and 86,000 telephones. In the subsequent years there was a rapid increase in the number of exchanges and telephones. In 1979, there were 6,866 exchanges and 2.4 million telephones, compared to 540 and 168,000 respectively in 1951. The number of trunk calls increased from 7.1 million in 1950-51 to 200 million in 1978-79. In the same period, the telephone revenue went up from Rs. 90 million to over Rs. 5,000 million.

However, in terms of ratio to population, India has far fewer telephones as compared to many countries. India is estimated to have about 0.4 telephone for a population of 100 against as many as 50 per 100 in some countries.

According to authoritative sources, the number of telephones in use in the world in 1977 was about 420 million. Of those, the United States had 160 million, Britain 20 million, Japan 40.8 million and West Germany 20.2 million.

In some developing countries the number of telephones in use in 1977 was: India 2.9 million, Indonesia 347,000, South Korea 1.9 million, Pakistan 259,000 and Bangladesh 98,000. It is clear, therefore, that India has a long way to go before it can catch up with the telephone facilities available in the advanced countries.

But what is of more immediate concern to the Indian citizen is the unsatisfactory working of the telephones in most cities. Many factors are responsible for this situation, such as poor maintenance, general indifference and inefficiency, and lack of effective coordination between the telephone department and other departments.

For example, in Calcutta there have been bitter and persistent complaints from citizens about the telephone services. The authorities say that their working has been affected severely by extensive and indiscriminate digging operations carried on by various agencies like the Metro Railway, Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority, the Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation, and others. The digging damages the cables.

Frequent power cuts also hurt the efficiency of telephones. The exchange equip-

ment gets spoiled as load-shedding forces the air-conditioning plants to be closed. Besides, absenteeism of the staff, caused by the dislocation of the public transport services, and the large-scale thefts of cables and other parts, have their adverse impact on the working of telephones.

It is, however, interesting and important to remember that Calcutta Telephones serve the largest metropolis of the country and its suburbs, covering an area of 2,200 square kms. According to Mr. P.M. Agarwal, general manager of Calcutta Telephones, "Calcutta has many firsts in the country to its credit, which include the first microwave system, first digital system for junction working, first trunk cable system, and the first PVC duct highways for cables."

The Sarin Committee has made several short-term and long-term recommendations for toning up the working of the telephone department and for enabling it to undertake development plans, diversification and expansion. It has said that telecommunications should be given greater importance and a higher priority than given so far. It has emphasized the need to give more attention to research, material management and rationalization of staff cadres.

The full text of the report of the committee and the government's decisions on its main recommendations are expected to be announced in the near future. Meanwhile, C.M. Stephen has disclosed that the government has not favored the committee's proposal to import 100,000 telephones to meet the country's immediate needs. The communications minister said in New Delhi on Dec. 15, 1981, that these imports were not

necessary since the country had adequate capacity to manufacture its requirements of telephones.

It remains to be seen how soon the Indian Telephone Industries, Bangalore, will be able to step up production to the required level. In 1978-79 this unit manufactured 412,000 telephone instruments, apart from other equipment. Its total sales in the year amounted to Rs.900 million, inclusive of exports valued at Rs.10.6 million.

Stephen also stressed the need to obtain foreign collaboration for updating Indian technology. This assumes importance in the context of the rapid and remarkable progress many developed countries have been making in the field of telecommunications. These countries are moving into such areas as electronic mail, private satellite communications, and teleconferences. India, therefore, cannot afford to go slow in availing itself of the most modern technology in developing its system of telecommunications.

It is relevant to note that in Britain recently the government has taken some effective steps to improve its telephone service. On Oct. 1, 1981, the telephone system was separated from the post office and constituted into a government company called British Telecom. The latter has set up links with suppliers in Japan, the U.S.A. and Canada, which have enabled it to introduce new products and improve its service to customers.

In India, as well, it should be possible for the government to bring about some immediate improvement by giving greater attention to efficient administration, although applicants for new telephones will have to wait for another 10 years to get their connections.



AUSTRALIANS IN ANTARCTICA: Two of the world's continents, Australia and Antarctica lie entirely within the Southern Hemisphere and both are linked by a history of more than 80 years of exploration and research. Australia has announced plans to commit \$A58 million to upgrade its research stations in Antarctica.

Seven nations have claims

Australian research in Antarctica to probe climate, weather, oceans

CANBERRA, Australia — Only two of the world's continents lie entirely within the southern hemisphere: Australia and Antarctica, and they are linked by a history of more than 80 years of exploration and research.

This year, 1982, is the centenary of the birth of Douglas Mawson — Australia's foremost Antarctic scientist and explorer — and appropriately the Australian government announced recently plans to commit \$A58 million to upgrade its research stations in Antarctica.

The government also approved increased Australian scientific research involving international co-operation.

Antarctica has an area of 13.5 million sq. kilometers (5.2 million sq. miles), in comparison with Australia's area of around eight million sq. kilometers (3.08 million sq. miles). The Australian Antarctic Territory (AAT) has an area of 6.09 million sq. kilometers (2.35 million sq. miles) and comprises three-sevenths of Antarctica.

A frontier of exploration and science, Antarctica provides in many ways as challenging a field as space exploration. This vast region is of interest because of its influence on climate, weather and ocean circulation. It is important in the understanding of the earth, its life, and the universe. The Antarctic has untapped resources — minerals and ocean life being among the most important.

Australia's involvement in Antarctic exploration and discovery dates back to 1899, with the visit of physicist Louis Bernachi as a member of the British Antarctic Expedition. Sir Douglas Mawson, who was born on May 5, 1882, participated in Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition in 1907-09 and reached the south magnetic pole on that journey. He led the 1911-12 Australian Antarctic Expedition, surviving alone in the icy desert for 10 days, almost without food, after his two companions perished.

Mawson laid the foundations for the Australian institutions which today carry on his work — the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE) established in 1947 and the Antarctic Division, created in 1948 and now part of the Department of Science and Technology.

In 1954 a scientific station was established in MacRobertson Land, and named after Sir Douglas Mawson. Three years later, a second station was established on the edge of the ice-free Vestfold Hills, 650 km (403 miles) east of Mawson. It was named after John King Davis, who had captained expedition ships.

Australia took over control of Wilkes station — built by a United States expedition, two years earlier — in 1959 and the Antarctic Division operated it for 10 years until it was inundated by snow and replaced by Casey Station about 2 km away.

Australia now maintains these three stations on the Antarctic continent and one on sub-Antarctic Macquarie Island.

The stations serve as stepping-off points

from which to explore the interior, and enable the collection of scientific data.

Since the earliest days of exploration in Antarctica the difficulties of the environment have helped create an atmosphere of co-operation and mutual assistance among expeditions of various nations.

By the mid 1950s only four nations, including Australia, had permanent stations in Antarctica, although expeditions from many countries had operated on the continent for periods of one to two years at a time. As a consequence of their activity in the region, seven nations made claim to territory in Antarctica: Argentina, Australia, Britain, Chile, France, New Zealand and Norway.

When the International Geophysical Year (IGY) was organized to obtain simultaneous world-wide observations of many phenomena during a period of maximum solar activity in 1957-58, 12 nations decided to establish or expand stations in Antarctica.

During the IGY, outstanding co-operation developed between these nations working in Antarctica. They decided to continue scientific studies there and discussions resulted in the Antarctic Treaty to guide activities.

The treaty applies to the area south of latitude 60° South, and

* makes Antarctica a non-militarized zone;

* allows for freedom of access to all parts of the continent and inspection of a nation's stations and equipment by other nations;

* freezes territorial claims for the duration of the treaty;

* bans nuclear explosions and the storage of radioactive waste;

* encourages the exchange of personnel and scientific data between expeditions; and

Potter's wheel is lightweight

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — A lightweight, compact potter's throwing wheel from Britain is versatile enough to meet the needs of both the serious hobbyist and the craftsman.

The craftsman has a one-piece plastic molded frame which is rigid and tough for long-term heavy use. The unit includes a large plastic tray with a 1½ inch diameter drain for easy cleaning and maintenance, a 12 inch wheelhead and a vertically adjustable seat. Because the machine is designed low on the floor, very deep objects can be thrown from a standing position.

A free-standing foot control with a variable speed up to 300 rotations per minute can be positioned to suit the potter and can hold a constant preset speed even with the potter's foot removed from the pedal.

Powered by a permanent magnet direct-current motor, the wheel can handle a 50 pound clay work load and can perform equally well for powerful or sensitive work.

* sets up a structure for consultation on problems.

After 1990 the treaty may be reviewed for any contracting party so requests. As a result of the treaty, scientists and observers from Argentina, France, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Soviet Union, the United States and China have taken part in Australian expeditions, while Australians have accompanied Argentinian, British, French, Japanese, New Zealand, American and Soviet expeditions.

Since the IGY the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), a non-governmental association of scientific academies, has maintained an interest in scientific activity in Antarctica. Each nation engaged in a particular field of Antarctica research may be represented by an expert in that field.

The Biological Investigation of Marine Antarctic Systems and Stocks (BIOMASS) research program is a major international initiative by SCAR. BIOMASS is a 10-year program which started in the 1980/81 Australian summer with a multiship acoustic survey of krill, to build up a quantitative model of the ecosystem. Krill was chosen because of its central position in the Antarctic marine food web, and its economic potential as a possible human food source.

Scientists in Australia's Antarctic Division participated in the first BIOMASS experiment.

Australian scientists and diplomats played a leading role in the development of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and on May 5, 1981, Australia became the first of the 15 signatories to ratify the agreement.

The final conference had been held in Canberra in May 1980, when the signatories gave their agreement to the convention. The 15 were: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Republic, Japan, Norway, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States.

The convention establishes clear principles of conservation which apply to all harvesting in the region and sets up a permanent International Commission and scientific committee to implement those principles.

At the final conference it was decided that the commission should have permanent headquarters in Hobart, Tasmania. This will be the first international organization to be based in Australia.

The convention is expected to come into force early in 1982 and the commission will hold its first meeting in Hobart in May or June.

The present lack of detailed knowledge of the biology of Southern Ocean living resources is the major stumbling block to a soundly based conservation strategy. The convention and the commission will give a focus for international work.

The Antarctic whaling grounds largely coincide with krill swarming areas, krill being the main food resource of the baleen whales. Five nations whale in the Southern Ocean: Brazil, Chile and Peru from shore stations, and Japan and the Soviet Union from factory ships.

The International Whaling Commission (IWC) is responsible for determining total whale catches, based on biological assessments of sustainable yields. For the 1980/81 whaling season the commission banned factory ships whaling in the Southern Ocean, other than for Minke whales, and set catch quotas.

The Australian Foreign Affairs Record has set out Australia's official policy interests as follows:

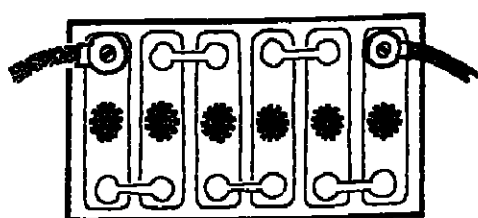
- * to preserve sovereignty over the Australian Antarctic Territory;
- * to maintain the area as a region free from strategic or political confrontation;
- * to provide adequate protection for the Antarctic environment;
- * to be fully informed and consulted about developments in a region close to Australia; and
- * to solve problems of resource exploration and exploitation within the Antarctic Treaty.

The recent history of Antarctica has been one of international co-operation and peace. Australia looks forward to the future of Antarctica on the same basis. (Australian Information Service)

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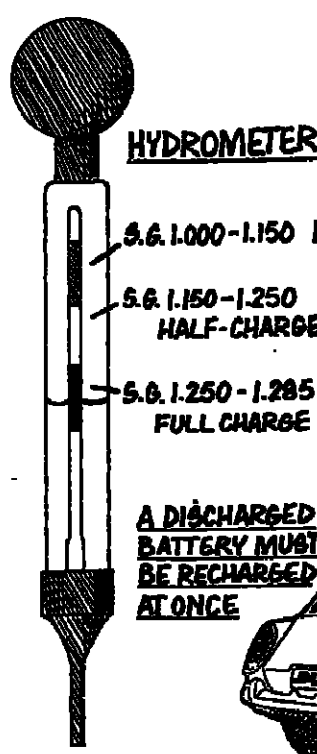
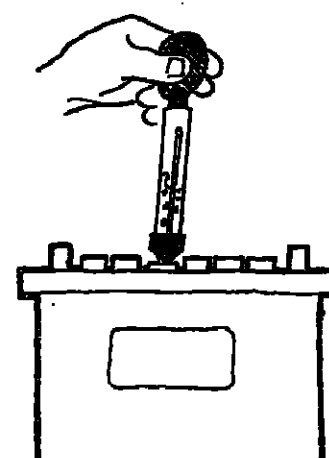
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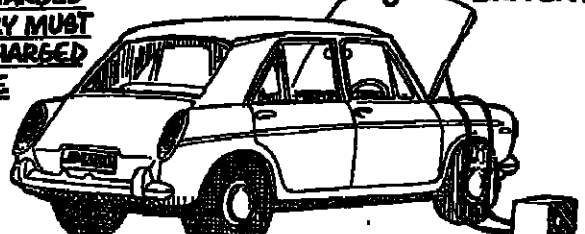


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With show of party unity

Schmidt determined to follow fiscal plan

BONN, Feb. 6 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said Friday night he trusted his victory in a parliamentary confidence vote would make his left-liberal coalition work better together.

The chancellor was asked on television if he felt he was a victor after hauling all 269 coalition deputies behind the confidence vote, only the second in the nation's history. "Victor is putting it a bit strongly, but I am very satisfied over this unanimous vote of confidence from all members of the two coalition parties," he said.

Schmidt said he had asked a confidence vote because a clear signal was needed that

the government was resolved to pursue its economic and foreign policies. He said publicly-aided differences within his coalition over economic policies and speculation about Bonn's stance toward Moscow and its allies had led at times to a lack of "necessary clarity."

The confidence vote, the chancellor said, had reminded the ruling parties — in power since 1969 — that their internal and mutual arguments were dangerous.

"I reckon this will be an encouragement for all of us — not excluding me — to cooperate more with each other," he added. The chancellor said he did not expect to resort more often to the confidence vote, adopted before only in 1972 when his predecessor Willy Brandt used it to force premature elections.

The Bundestag (lower house) press office twice amended the total of conservative opposition votes against the chancellor, finally bringing the figure down from 226 to 224 "no" votes. This gave Schmidt a majority of 45 in a poll he was bound to win when both coalition parties pledged their unanimous support two days in advance.

The chancellor was applauded by his Social Democratic Party (SPD) and received a bouquet from the party's floor leader when the speaker declared the result. But many political commentators said the show of unity did not mean differences in the coalition between the SPD and the Free Democratic Party (FDP) — had been dispelled.

Friday's debate was preceded by weeks of wrangling over a job creation program, an issue on which the chancellor threatened last week to resign.

Charles to see film on Scottish monsters

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Prince Charles has asked to see a film that is claimed by its cameraman to prove conclusively there are monsters in the murky lake waters of Scotland.

Marine archaeologist Sydney Wignall of Colwyn, North Wales, last year made a film of a two-humped creature in Loch Morar, close to Loch Ness where the legendary Loch Ness monster "Nessie" is said to live. Wignall said Friday he has received a letter from Buckingham Palace saying Charles, a keen amateur diver and president of the British Sub-Aqua Club, would like a private viewing of the film, having read about the expedition.

Wignall said he was very happy to let the prince watch the film.

In Indian Ocean

Soviets strengthen naval fleet

NEW DELHI, Feb. 6 (AFP) — The Soviet Union is now able to deploy as many warships in the Indian Ocean as the American Navy, but the Americans still have the largest fleet in the ocean, Indian strategists said.

The planning and strategy officers were speaking at a briefing Friday of the Consultative Committee of the External Affairs Ministry, on the growing militarization of the Indian Ocean. Moscow now kept more ships in the area — 34 to 36 — than ever before, though the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) navies currently deployed more warships there, the officers said.

The committee said the Soviet Union had established an unprecedented ascendancy as a naval power over the past 20 years. The committee also noted the helplessness of the United Nations, which had found its resolution on the Indian Ocean ignored by the superpowers, and that others such as Britain and France were joining the race as well.

Soviet ships in the area, the fifth opera-

tional squadron of the Soviet Pacific Fleet, include seven Kresta Class cruisers, one or two Kotlin Gupoviy destroyers and several nuclear-powered submarines equipped with guided missiles.

There are also three or four Krivak Class guided missile frigates, several minesweepers and amphibious landing craft, and 15 to 20 oil supply and maintenance ships and other auxiliaries. The small aircraft carrier *Minsk*, which is part of the Pacific Fleet, occasionally sails into the Indian Ocean with its support ships, the report added.

The main base for this fleet is Dahlak in the Red Sea, turned over by Ethiopia for the use of the Soviet Navy in an agreement signed in July 1980. The Soviet Indian Ocean fleet also uses Aden in South Yemen as a major base, the report said.

From these two bases, the Soviet Navy could control two vital points — the Strait of Hormuz entrance to the Gulf and the Bab El Mandeb entrance to the Red Sea.

Bush dedicates Spacelab

Shuttle trip set for March 22

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Feb. 6 (AP) — The third test flight of the U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* will begin at 10 a.m. (1500 GMT) on March 22, with a return to its California landing site on March 29, Vice President George Bush announced Friday.

Speaking at a ceremony dedicating Spacelab, the European-built scientific laboratory scheduled to fly aboard the shuttle next year, Bush confirmed an earlier timetable which had mentioned the week of March 22 as the start of the seven-day mission.

Bush appeared on a program at the Kennedy Space Center with administrator James Beggs and a number of officials from the European Space Agency to unveil the flight version of the lab which will serve as the work center for astronaut and civilian scientists conducting experiments in space.

The first Spacelab mission is set for September 1983 aboard the shuttle's ninth flight. Meanwhile, National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials said the mating of the orbiter *Columbia* to its external tank was ahead of schedule.

Late Thursday night, the spacecraft was hoisted, nose-up, into launch position inside the Kennedy Space Center's 52-story vehicle assembly building for mating with the external tank, which had already been joined to twin rocket boosters.

Workers then tightened the bolts and finished the mechanical job of placing "metal on metal" said NASA spokesman Mark Hess. Next, they began hooking up the "umbilical lines" which carry fluids, gases, propellants, communications and data links between the orbiter and its tank.

U.S. scientist claims find of 14,000-year-old dwelling

LEXINGTON, Kentucky, Feb. 5 (AP) — A dwelling uncovered in a Chilean pine forest is three times older than the pyramids of Egypt and is the oldest structure ever discovered in the Western hemisphere, says the young American anthropologist who found it.

Tom Dillehay of the University of Kentucky announced Friday that he had discovered the remains near Monte Verde in January 1981 but withheld an announcement until tests could confirm that the structure was 12,000 to 14,000 years old. The 34-year-old scientist said the wishbone-shaped foundation was made of pebbles and compacted sand. Still embedded in the foundation were wooden staves that apparently were the remains of wooden limbs that formed the roof and walls of the dirt-floored structure. "I had suspected there was something like this in that southern forested region of Chile," Dillehay said.

Though evidence of man found in the Western hemisphere has been dated back to 30,000 years, the oldest structure previously discovered was a 6,000-year-old dwelling found in Ecuador eight years ago. By comparison, the oldest pyramids in Egypt are

Study finds American air traffic safe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Private consultants hired by the Federal Aviation Administration concluded Friday the air traffic control system is as safe as it was before 11,400 controllers were fired last August, and recommended against rehiring any of the controllers.

The study was commissioned by the FAA several weeks after the controllers went on strike Aug. 3. The consulting firm said the FAA "maintained a hands-off policy" and the conclusions were solely those of the investigators. Flight Safety Foundation Inc., an Arlington, Virginia, firm examined the air traffic control system for 120 days and came to many of the same conclusions reached several

estimated to be 4,600 years old.

No human remains were found at the Monte Verde site, but the team found two burn-stained clay hearths at what appeared to be the structure's entrance. Dillehay told a news conference. Dillehay said wooden tools found at the site were a first. Archeologists "always suspected early man used wooden tools in the Americas," but none had previously been found, Dillehay said.

"It was by a narrow creek, and the site had been covered by a bog, which sealed it and preserved it. Then a modern stream came along and exposed part of the scene. It's a rare occasion to find something like that," he said. "One of the main features was the architectural foundation, which I found a year ago. But I didn't talk about it until now because I was waiting for the carbon-dating and everything to come in." The National Geographic Society, the National Science Foundation, the Chilean University and the University of Kentucky financed the dig. Dillehay, a Fulbright scholar with a doctorate from the University of Texas, has been working in South America for 10 years. He is also at work on two sites in Peru and another in Chile.

eral months ago by the independent National Transportation Safety Board.

The consultants concluded that the present controller work force, which is about two-thirds as large as the work force before the strike, has handled air traffic on "an equivalent level of safety to the pre-strike system." The consultants added, however, there may be some decrease in safety in some instances because of the increased practice of private pilots flying under visual flight rules.

The consultants said they found no evidence that unqualified controllers were directing aircraft. They said concerns about controllers' fatigue "have not been realized to any significant extent."

China spells out targets for purge of dissidents

PEKING, Feb. 6 (AP) — China's leaders have spelled out the targets for a purge through all levels of the now "impure" 39 million-member Communist Party, and demanded action this year.

The warning to party dissidents and the selfishly motivated came as the nation's bloated government structure waited for details on who is to depart in a heavy trimming that Western analysts say could involve thousands in the central bureaucracy alone. In some cases, the targets are the same officials who rose to power under the wing of ultra-leftist radicals in the late party Chairman Mao Tse-tung's 1966-76 "Cultural Revolution," a period of civil strife when the proper political loyalties counted far more heavily than any professional skill.

The dimensions of the party purge remain unclear. An article in the current issue of the party journal *Red Flag* warned that those who still can be educated should be patiently "rescued." "Otherwise, we very likely could be making a great mistake," said the article by Zhang Yun, deputy secretary of the Central Discipline Inspection Commission. One of the "leftist" mistakes for which Mao now is criticized is divisive, disruptive political policies.

Western analysts expect a great deal of maneuvering in the next few months as endangered bureaucrats or party members seek protection from powerful associates. Both the party purge and government streamlining are being talked of in urgent terms.

The Western analysts, who asked not to be identified, said the success or failure of Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping's leadership will be judged by economic gains. And the leadership says bickering and buck-passing in the

bureaucracy are a serious obstacle to advance. The bureaucratic reform also includes an easing out of elderly officials as well as local despots and corrupt officials.

The *Red Flag* article reiterated declarations that the party's style is a "life-and-death" matter, but said "impurities" are a major obstacle to reform since the party has not been "rectified" in many years. "During the chaos of the 'cultural revolution,' the party's ranks doubled. Among them there certainly are many who basically lack the qualifications to be party members," Zhang Yun wrote.

First, she said, leadership ranks at all levels must clean out those who gained power by following the "gang of four" ultra-leftist radicals and of people with serious factional tendencies and of "beaters, smashers and looters" who had been employed for political purposes.

The gang, led by Mao's widow, Jiang Qing, now is in prison on charges of framing and persecuting opponents at all levels, even President Liu Shao-chi, who died in prison in 1969.

Next, Zhang Yun said, diehard opponents of Deng's post-1978 policies stressing realistic steps to economic modernization and improving living standards must be removed from leadership positions and, in serious cases, expelled from the party.

With leadership rank cleansed, she said the party should proceed to oust "ambitious elements" who slipped into the party to seek personal gain and other trouble-makers. In both party and government, corrupt officials are a prominent target and stories of their arrests or expulsions have become nearly a daily fixture in the official press.

Peking analysis

Obstacles seen in Soviet aim

PEKING, Feb. 6 (AFP) — China does not foresee any new Afghanistan-style Soviet intervention "for some time to come," but Moscow was nonetheless pursuing its aim of world hegemony by other means, the New China News Agency said Saturday.

"Looking at the crystal ball, one may say that there probably won't be another Afghanistan for some time to come," NCNA said in a lengthy analysis of Soviet policy. The prediction marks a step backward from estimates previously made in China of probable developments in Soviet policy. For a long time after the December 1979 entry of Soviet troops into Afghanistan, China had warned that Soviet expansionism in the region would continue, directly threatening Iran and Pakistan.

According to NCNA, Moscow's expansionist policy has run into both internal and external obstacles: An "ailing economy" as well as the continuing hostilities in Afghanistan and the Polish crisis. These combined had "more or less shackled the feet of the Soviet giant in pressing ahead with its expansion

abroad," NCNA said.

The agency added that while the Soviet Union continued to "pay lip service to 'peace,' 'disarmament' and 'negotiation,'" it "has not relented in beefing up its military capability to gain a quantitative as well as qualitative edge on the United States in a wide range of weapons." "Ever stronger military muscle is sorely needed to back up the Kremlin's bid for world hegemony," NCNA said.

The agency went on to reiterate Peking's traditional view that the Soviet Union would "continue to focus its attention on the West." Moscow's policy was to try to "drive a wedge" between West European countries and the United States and to "poison" relations between North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries in general, NCNA said. "skillfully exploiting the differences in their approach and their conflicting views." At the same time, the USSR made every effort to "poison Japanese-American, Sino-American and Sino-Japanese relations," NCNA said.

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Carter order modified

U.S. drafts public secrecy plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — The Reagan administration has submitted to Congress a plan to let U.S. government officials invoke national security more easily in keeping information from the public, a shift that would reverse a 25-year trend toward increased government openness.

The proposal, which President Ronald Reagan can implement on his own authority, would require that United States government officials classify documents as secret even "if there is reasonable doubt ... about the need to classify information." The proposed presi-

dential order, obtained by the Associated Press Friday, would drop President Jimmy Carter's requirement that government secrecy be balanced against the public's right to know. Carter's order also insisted that information be reviewed after six years with an eye toward releasing it.

The draft that the administration has sent to Congress states simply that "information shall be classified as long as required by national security considerations." The administration, however, dropped phrasing contained in an earlier draft to the order,

which declared that "classification shall be determined solely on the basis of national security considerations."

On the other hand, the Reagan proposal drops a section in Carter's 1978 order, which states that government officials must "determine whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the damage to national security that might reasonably be expected from disclosure."

Carter also required that government officials determine that possible damage to national security be "identifiable" before the secrecy stamp could be applied. Reagan's draft would not require "identifiable" damage before an official could label a document "confidential," the lowest of the three secrecy classifications.

Haig to address

Madrid talks resume today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig leaves Sunday for Madrid where he will lead a new round of Western denunciations of the Soviet Union and Poland for the martial law crackdown in Poland.

However, several firestorms are more likely than action, Max Kampelman, the chief U.S. delegate to the European security conference, said Saturday. The 35-nation conference resumes Tuesday following a recess, and Haig will deliver an address. "The West intends to use the Madrid meeting as a forum to express our sense of indignation at events in Poland," Kampelman told reporters.

The Soviet Union is also attending the conference and is expected to oppose having the Polish issue raised and certainly wouldn't allow itself to be condemned. All decisions have to be taken by unanimous consent of the participating nations. Poland and other east European countries are attending the meet-

ing too, as are the United States' NATO allies.

The expectation here, judging from both public and private comments of some U.S. officials, is that the United States and its allies may walk out of the conference at the end of the week to protest events in Poland. However, a senior State Department official declined to comment on the plan of action, although he said he wouldn't rule anything out.

Following three days in Spain primarily devoted to events in Poland, Haig will make overnight stops in Lisbon Wednesday, Morocco Thursday and Bucharest Friday. He will return to Washington Saturday.

He is expected to use his stop in Bucharest to voice additional criticism of the Soviets, anticipating it will embarrass Moscow because he will be speaking from an East European country. Haig was invited by President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania which has been only loosely in the Soviet orbit in recent years.

French helicopter flies Chinese colors

PEKING, Feb. 6 (AFP) — The first French Dauphin 365 N helicopter to fly in Chinese colors took off from Peking airport Saturday for a demonstration flight in the presence of top Chinese officials.

The helicopter was the first of a batch of 50 sold by France under a \$66.6 million contract signed in July, 1980. The contract also included a license to make 200 Dauphin 365s in China as well as selling the rights to make more than 500 Turbomeca motors.

A French pilot and a Chinese pilot made the demonstration flight, with officials from China's aeronautic machine building, petroleum, geology and defense ministries watching. French industry was represented by National Aerospace Industry Director Roger Chevalier and other officials.

The Dauphin N has a flight range of 900 kms, a top speed of 295 kmh and can fly to a ceiling of 4,500 meters. The helicopter is designed for such offshore missions as searching for oil fields, coast patrols, and rescue and police operations.

A major topic during Haig's visit to Bucharest will be the difficulty Romania is facing in repaying its \$11.4 billion in outstanding debts to European and American banks. Bucharest wants more time to repay, and the banks are looking to Washington and other Western capitals for guidance.

Since Haig is going to Bucharest, it seems likely Washington has decided to favor leniency on the debts. Portugal was added to Haig's itinerary because of its proximity to Spain and because it is a member of NATO.

Spain is in the application stage for NATO membership, but hasn't yet been admitted.

In Morocco, Haig will discuss with King Hassan his request for more U.S. military assistance to help in its decade-long war with Polisario fighters in the Western Sahara. The European security conference in Madrid is a monitoring body for the 1975 Helsinki final act, the 35-nation pact that was supposed to guarantee human rights and respect for national sovereignty in Europe.

Soviet official falls straight into U.S. trap

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Gen. Vasili Shitov, military attache at the Soviet Embassy here who was expelled from the country Wednesday, fell straight into a trap set up by U.S. intelligence agents, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* Saturday.

The report said the Soviet general was exposed at a shopping center in the Washington suburbs in Virginia by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). An FBI informer, whom Gen. Shitov thought was working for him, was there to hand him sensitive documents, the newspapers said.

FBI agents, expecting a lower-level embassy official, were surprised to confront Gen. Shitov, a known member of the Soviet military intelligence service, the papers said. The State Department had said that Gen. Shitov, who left the country Friday was expelled for unexplained "activities incompatible with his diplomatic status."

The FBI had refused to comment on his expulsion after an NBC television report that "very sensitive" documents were found in his possession. FBI Director William Webster recently said he was concerned over the increased Soviet Bloc representation in the United States but did not want to see their numbers reduced for fear of losing double agents recruited by the United States.

French Communist meeting fails to boost party morale

PARIS, Feb. 6 (R) — The 24th congress of France's beleaguered Communist Party drew toward its close Saturday leaving critics with the impression that four days of speeches have generated little to halt the decline in its fortunes.

Most speakers have stuck to the hallowed tradition of party solidarity, drawing ovations with their endorsement of policies followed by leader George Marchais and his central committee. "An exercise in avoiding the issue," commented one French ex-Communist after the debate of the reasons for the party's disaster in last year's presidential and general elections.

The Communists, who have been ousted by the Socialists over the past decade as the main French left-wing party, lost half their parliamentary seats in the general election. Marchais scored only 15 percent of the presidential vote.

Four Communists are in the government of President Francois Mitterrand under a working alliance effectively dictated by the Socialists. Ironically, the arrival of a left-wing administration and the party's first share in government in recent years have cast an uneasy shadow over the congress.

The problem for the 1,800 delegates has been trying to define a role for the Communist Party when it is harnessed to a Socialist government committed to similar goals. In his five-hour keynote speech, Marchais barely mentioned his decision to bring the Communists back to the alliance with the Socialists that he tore up in 1977.

Although he renewed his pledge to work

loyally with the Socialists, the daily *Le Monde* said an observer from outer space would have no idea from Marchais' speech what kind of government it was that his ministers were serving in. Some press commentators said the Communists' dilemma was reflected in their language.

The congress slogan pledged the party to "building socialism in the colors of France" — something Mitterrand's government also says it is doing. The congress is being watched by Soviet politburo member Konstantin Chernenko, the Polish foreign minister and a host of "fraternal guests".

A resolution certain to be passed overwhelmingly blames the decline on the party's failure to react in the mid-1950s to the change in ideological climate that followed the death of Stalin.

"We remained prisoners of a socialism unadapted to our country", Marchais said, setting one of the main themes of the congress. Party dissidents such as Henri Fiszbin, a former Paris party secretary banished with 29 supporters last year, have denounced the explanation as bogus. They blame a lack of democracy in the party and what they see as unpopular and dogmatic pro-Sovietism.

One speaker said the dissidents would like the party to develop the more liberal type of policies associated with the Italian and Spanish "Eurocommunists". Daniel Garipuy, the only dissenter approved as a delegate, told the congress Marchais' switches in policy were a grave political mistake and called for open internal debate.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AP) — French presidential aide Regis Derby will tour Southeast Asia, from the Afghan border to Vietnam, this month to study refugee problems, he said Friday. Derby, advisor on Third World affairs to President Francois Mitterrand, said his mission was being undertaken in conjunction with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

BAN HIN TAEK, Northern Thailand (AFP) — Three Burmese rebels loyal to opium warlord Khun Sa were killed Saturday in a two-hour battle with Thai army rangers. The clash was the fiercest since Thai troops seized Khun Sa's stronghold here 16 days ago. Thai border officials said fighting at Mae Moh, 7 kms north of here, pitted 30 Shan

rebels against two companies of Thai rangers.

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, who arrived here Saturday from Thailand at the start of a three-day official visit here, said Britain attached great importance to its relations with Malaysia in all areas and at all levels. He voiced the hope the two countries could sustain a practical, realistic and very friendly relationship which would meet the interests of both sides.

MANAGUA (AFP) — Six persons died in a battle between Nicaraguan border guards and some 40 former soldiers of ousted President Anastasio Somoza, in a region bordering Honduras, it was reported here Saturday.

Radioactivity hits 3 in New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — Radioactive sludge contaminated three workers in New York and a minor leak released radiation into the atmosphere in Nebraska in accidents at two nuclear power plants, officials said Friday.

The leak at the Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant near Omaha, Nebraska, forced the evacuation of several workers before it was isolated but posed no health threat, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said.

The leak occurred Wednesday, but the Omaha public power district, owner of the plant, said it did not think it necessary to alert reporters quickly because the release was so minor.

On Thursday, radioactive sludge sloshed from a holding tank into the ventilation sys-

tem of Nine-Mile Point reactor building near Oswego, New York, contaminating three Niagara Monopower Corp. employees.

The employees were not injured, officials said. Cleanup began Friday and was expected to last through the weekend, said J. Edward Kaish, the Syracuse-based company's public relations director. It was the second accident at a New York state nuclear power plant in two weeks. A tube ruptured in the plant, about 60 miles west of Oswego, on Jan. 25, releasing puffs of radioactive steam. Kaish said the Nine-Mile Point incident was confined to the reactor building.

Authorities said readings of the release into the atmosphere in Nebraska was "far less" than the amount of radiation vented in scheduled routine releases.

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Facing decline in prices

OPEC chief hints at holding special talks

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Mana Said Al-Otaiba, president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said Friday he was considering calling members together to review price and production.

Speaking in London, Otaiba indicated that because of over-production OPEC nations may be forced to make adjustments in their prices and output, but said the group's \$34 price for the benchmark Saudi light crude oil, around which prices of other OPEC oils are based, would stay unchanged.

"We have to try to balance the market," said Otaiba, who is also oil minister of the United Arab Emirates. "There is a possibility that we might get together before our (regular) summit meeting."

Meanwhile, the Kuwait news agency quoted oil sources as saying Iran an OPEC country, is cutting 65 cents from its prices, hitherto \$34.20 and \$32.30 a barrel, and removing premiums on delayed payments, for an effective one-dollar overall reduction.

London industry source said the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) has proposed to companies operating in the North Sea that prices on all British grades should come down by \$1.50 within a few days — probably from Monday.

The British government, however, hungry for revenue to finance debt money to over three million unemployed, has pressed the BNOC not to let North Sea oil prices drop too far. Revenue-hungry OPEC producers will be dismayed by the British price cut, stock-

Care aids 38 poor states

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — Care says it provided \$257 million in goods and services in 38 developing countries in the fiscal year ending June 30, an increase of nearly \$70 million over the previous year.

Care executive director Philip Johnston said in the organization's annual report released Friday that for every dollar donated to Care, the agency provided \$8.33 in aid because of combining grants from the United States and other governments, goods donated by private companies and assistance from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

He added that out of each dollar of support, 96 cents goes to aid, with one penny used for administration and three cents for fund-raising. Care said the figures for fiscal 1981 do not include a program of emergency food distribution in Poland started soon after the fiscal year ended.

broker analysts said.

The most vulnerable OPEC members are the African producers of light crudes similar to those in the North Sea — Algeria, Libya and Nigeria. The British will be undercutting them by \$1.50 to \$2 a barrel. Algeria and Libya have been struggling to sell at \$37 a barrel, and were forced to cut production drastically. However, after price cuts, Nigeria managed to restore output to an acceptable 1.9 million barrels daily.

Britain producing about the same, does not have much spare capacity, its price cut will not mean a surge of extra North Sea oil that would take the OPEC African members' market away from them. But the oil is susceptible to psychological pressures and the British move is likely to cause jitters in OPEC, oil companies executives said.

According to the *Middle East Economic Survey (MEES)*, a well-informed oil newsletter based in Cyprus, OPEC output was down in January to 20.6 million barrels daily, against 1979's peak of nearly 31 million.

Tanker rates plummet to 6-year low

LONDON, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Against a background of falling crude oil output to match falling demand and a massive oversupply of tonnage, rates eased close to six-year lows on the tanker market this week.

It was estimated that about 35 vessels totaling ten million deadweight tons were currently idling in the Gulf area, and that they would take several months to get orders at current absorption rates.

Another 15 vessels of 3.5 million tons are expected to arrive before the end of this month, without taking account of re-let tonnage.

The London shipbroker E.A. Vibson described the situation as "catastrophic," with rates in many instances not meeting voyage costs of bunkers.

Rates for the very large crude carriers for both eastern and western destinations fell back after last week's modest rally.

Trade out of Indonesia was practically non-existent, while in West Africa it was slow. The Mediterranean remained subdued.

Wall Street

Falling oil prices fail to revive market

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — Though the recent decline of oil prices has contributed to an easing of that old nemesis, inflation, stock market investors seem to be taking it as a mixed blessing at best.

Worldwide crude oil prices have been dropping intermittently since last fall. Even a nasty winter in much of the United States has done very little to reverse the trend.

In the past couple of weeks alone, crude oil prices are estimated to have fallen about 5 percent, and experts have predicted further declines to come.

Not all those reductions have worked their

Polish debt to cost U.S. \$2b

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — Over the next three years the U.S. government may have to pick up nearly \$2 billion in debts owed by Poland to United States banks and guaranteed by the U.S. government, a senior American official has said.

He said Friday that the \$71 million paid out to U.S. banks last week likely is only the beginning. The U.S. liability for potentially bad Polish debt may total between \$500 million and \$700 million in 1982 alone and \$1.9 billion over the next 36 months, the official said at a State Department briefing held under ground rules that he not be identified by name.

However, Marc Leland, assistant secretary

way through to the consumer. Still, moderating energy costs got a good share of the credit for the decrease in the rise of the consumer price index in 1981 to 8.9 percent from the two-digit pace of the two previous years.

The stock market has responded to all this with little enthusiasm, however. In the past week, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 20.07 to 851.03 for its fourth loss in five weeks so far in 1982.

The New York stock exchange composite index dropped 1.60 to 67.79, and the American stock exchange market value index was down 10.15 to 285.15. Big Board Volume

of the Treasury for International Affairs, told

reporters that President Ronald Reagan "has decided that maximum pressure can be put on Poland by insisting on repayment rather than declaring a default now." "A declaration of default might be used by the Polish government as an excuse to relieve itself of obligations to make repayments," Leland said.

He said that the decision in no way relieves Poland of its massive financial obligations, \$26 billion owed to non-Polish creditors. The only difference now is that Poland owes the money to the U.S. government instead of U.S. banks," Leland said, "and we will do everything possible to collect it."

Suzuki package angers West

TOKYO, Feb. 6 (LOS) — Japan appears more likely to exacerbate than soothe trade frictions with its new package of measures approved at the weekend by Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and his cabinet.

To foreign economists, the measures appeared as cosmetic as the facial creams and lipsticks that presumably will flow into Japan more smoothly than before — if at the same inflated prices. The single most disconcerting aspect of the package, said American and European economic sources, was the self-satisfaction with which the Japanese appeared to view what are clearly relatively minor shifts in an array of rules and regulations generally labeled "non-tariff barriers" to imports.

Seemingly oblivious to the outcries from Japan's trading partners, Suzuki blandly complimented himself and his cabinet on having done "a fairly good job" in instituting 67 of 99 changes demanded by the U.S. and the EEC. "No other countries can do this much," said Suzuki, in what appeared as an ominous portent that Japan would balk at meeting much more pressing demands from abroad.

By ironic timing, Japan's tough new position emerged just as the government revealed its trade surplus for 1981 had increased 10

times from 1980 to more than \$20 billion — a figure that foreign economists said was below a "real" surplus of close to \$25 billion.

Indeed, the only realistic recognition of the bitter protests confronting Japan was international Trade Minister Shintaro Abe's admission that he did not think "the solution of the problems of non-tariff barriers is enough to resolve our trade friction."

Abe promised to study demands by the U.S. and the EEC for the removal of 27 other non-tariff barriers, mainly designed to staunch the import of food and food additives, but a senior Foreign Ministry official clearly thought the government had done enough. "This is a serious elaborate, almost unprecedented report," said Hiromu Fukuda, head of the Foreign Ministry's Economic Affairs Bureau.

Assuming the intricate Japanese bureaucracy puts the new measures into effect "within a month," as promised by Masumi Esaki, chairman of the special party committee that drew up the program, foreign businessmen will no longer have to deal with nagging customs inspections designed to delay items already theoretically approved for sale on the Japanese market.

Nor will foreign manufacturers have to await the results of protracted tests on products already found suitable in similar tests abroad. The rules would even snip away the red tape blocking the import of cosmetics when marketed under new brand names — or with slightly different changes in packaging and content. Reluctant bureaucrats would also have to accept foreign tests on chemical and electrical appliances as well as motor vehicles. The examination for foreign cars would be shortened, and exhaust emission requirements eased.

The power of domestic interests was manifest, though, in the government's refusal to change rules for labeling food products such as dried beef or doing away with the quarantine on fresh fruits from a wide range of countries.

Regardless of what happens to the trade barriers, even greater problems remain. The EEC's director-general for external affairs, Sir Roy Denman, remarked almost plaintively last week that he had "no progress" to report in efforts to persuade Japan to liberalize requirements for foreign banks and investment, and had received only the vaguest assurances from Japanese officials of "utmost efforts" to induce Japanese manufacturers to moderate exports.

Tokyo share prices sag

TOKYO, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Share prices sagged on the Tokyo stock exchange Saturday under heavy blue chip selling.

Market analysts said investors damped quality issues for margin trading settlements. The blue chips were bought in bulk on credit last August with settlement due in six months.

McDonnell, Fokker drop plane project

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 6 (R) — Dutch aircraft manufacturer Fokker and McDonnell Douglas of the United States have canceled plans to develop a new 150-seat airliner because of a lack of orders.

Cancellation of the MDF-100 airliner, planned as the first of a new generation of medium-sized airliners, was another sign of the growing problems faced by the aviation industry on the day when Britain's Laker Airways announced it was bankrupt.

In a joint statement Fokker and McDonnell Douglas said Friday they canceling development because of the present condition of the worldwide commercial aircraft market. A Fokker spokesman said not enough advance orders had been received to justify continuation of the project.

"We needed at least 50 to 100 orders from major airlines before we could go ahead with the launch, but in fact we only received indications of about 20 orders from minor airlines," he told Reuters. He said rivals for the 150-seater market were also likely to meet problems trying to sell to airlines plagued by recession.

Airbus Industrie of France and the U.S. Boeing Corporation are both developing rival aircraft.

Fokker, whose name was made legend by the "Red Baron" German fighter ace over 60 years ago, was promised a total of 1.7 billion guilders (\$660 million) from the Dutch government in cash backing for its share of the project.

Taipei sets \$50b export target

TAIPEI, Feb. 6 (CNA): As the international economy is expected to recover slowly this year, the foreign trade of this nation may pick up gradually, the Council for Economic Planning and Development has said.

The whole year's export of products is expected to reach \$50 billion, a growth of 16 percent compared with last year, the CEPD said.

According to the CEPD forecast, the world economy this year is much better than last year. World trade volume will also maintain a stable expansion trend and the external trade of the nation will continue to grow.

Commodity exports for 1982 are expected to reach \$25.561 billion and the whole-year commodity imports, \$24.631 billion, leaving a favorable balance of \$930 million.

The CEPD also estimates that the whole-year two-way trade in both commodities and services will reach \$35.457 billion, a growth of 13.9 percent compared with last year. The favorable balance is expected to reach \$413 million.



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Although Saudi Arabia continues to be the largest single market for U.S. goods and services in the Middle East, trade between the two countries stagnated last year is unlikely to be any different in 1982. Page 24



Finance ministers of the six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council met in Riyadh last week and agreed on a \$3 billion fund to invest in developing countries. Profits will be plowed back into heavy industry projects at home. Page 14



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IATA members lose \$1.4b

Laker fall mirrors airlines' fate

LONDON, Feb. 6, (R) — The collapse of Laker Airways underlined the vulnerability of well-known names in the airline industry that has run into tough times. Last year, the airlines lost \$1.4 billion, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has reported.

It was caused by the privately-owned airline's heavy debts and, ironically, due to the cut-price competition on the transatlantic routes that Sir Freddie Laker helped bring about.

On the one hand there was sympathy for the collapse of a colorful colleague and of Sir Freddie's dream of establishing a Skytrain service that would girdle the world.

But many other companies, whether state or privately owned, also are struggling to restore profitability as the air industry battles the combined effects of the world business recession, high fuel bills and high interest rates.

Laker's demise removes from the overcrowded transatlantic run an airline which last year carried 800,000 passengers to and from the United States and a similar number this year will transfer to other airlines, helping to reduce the over-capacity that was equal to 56 empty Jumbo jets every day last October.

When Sir Freddie began his long fight more than 10 years ago to introduce cheap

fares, first on the transatlantic routes but ultimately elsewhere as well, there were many who resisted and warned that it would bring disaster for airlines generally. The people today could say to him: "I told you so."

Some leaders of the airline business have clearly been unhappy about the effects of the cheap-fare revolution — the intensified competition that has resulted from it and the deregulation fostered by the U.S. government and others that believe in the freedom of the market place.

They say that their costs have accelerated at a time when government and consumer resistance delays fare rises and too much competition prevents them recouping all extra outlays.

Adm. Thomson, chairman of British Caledonian, one of Sir Freddie's main private-enterprise rivals, said in a message to his airline's staff last month that the activities of Laker Airways over the last few years had been the catalyst for many of the problems of the industry.

He attacked plans reported at that time to put a financial package together to rescue Laker. Thomson said he had no wish to see Laker collapse, but dangerous myths had been built up around its policies.

Thomson, whose company followed many

other airlines into deficit last year, believes higher fares are the only answer for many of the world's loss-making airlines whose seats are priced uneconomically.

Roy Watts, chief of state-owned British Airways, said last November that there was a clear distinction between healthy competition and cut-throat rivalry for a stagnant market with prices being slashed for short-term advantage regardless of consequences.

British Airways fought against allowing Laker's Skytrains on the north Atlantic, but Watts was probably aiming his November blast at Pan American World Airways, which had slashed its fares in an effort to get a bigger market share.

Pan American has just announced that despite fare-cutting and job reductions, it made a net loss of \$18 million last year despite some \$446 million in extraordinary gains, mainly from the sale of its intercontinental hotels subsidiary.

Most West European 1981 airlines lost money in 1981 and U.S. airlines lost about half a billion dollars. Exceptions were Swissair, Lufthansa and KLM and Delta in the U.S.

British Airways has cut 9,000 jobs and suspended 16 routes because of losses likely to reach 250 million sterling (\$450 million) in two years.

U.N. extends goods study

GENEVA, Feb. 6 (R) — A United Nations commodity meeting has decided on further study into how Third World countries could increase export earnings by processing their own raw materials.

The sub-committee on commodities, part of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), ended a meeting Friday night by agreeing to press ahead with research on the problems facing domestic processing of the 18th main goods exported by developing countries.

UNCTAD research on five of the 18 commodities — cocoa, aluminium, manganese, phosphates and fibers — shows that poor countries could earn more by processing their goods before selling them to the industrialized world.

Most Western delegations questioned the accuracy of these findings, saying they over-

estimated the role of multinational firms in controlling markets and ignored an unfavorable climate for foreign investment in many developing countries. This disagreement blocked progress on the Third World plan to begin drafting an international agreement to give developing countries a larger part of the processing market.

The five-day meeting, which will be followed next week by a session of the full UNCTAD committee on commodities, resolved to reconsider progress on the processing issue before UNCTAD holds its sixth full conference in May 1983.

Committee sources said this meant that UNCTAD, which until now has focused on buffer stock agreements to stabilize world commodity prices would keep up its pressure for a greater Third World share of processing and marketing business.

Mauroy to defend takeover program

PARIS, Feb. 6 (AFP) — French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy and eight non-Communists in his leftwing government will take part in an international businessmen's seminar here next week when they will put the Socialist case for the administration's program of nationalizing banking and some key industries.

The two days of lectures and discussions are sponsored by the Paris-published international *Herald Tribune* newspaper and will cover four main themes: The nine-month-old government's foreign economic policy, and

its position on monetary questions, industry, and investment from abroad.

Mauroy, who opens the seminar Monday with a 60-minute address, will be seconded by Economy Minister Jacques Delors. Minister for External Trade Michel Jobert, Minister of Industry Pierre Dreyfus, Budget Minister Laurent Fabius, Planning Minister Michel Rocard, and Minister for National Solidarity Nicole Questiaux.

Other speakers include Jacques Attali, adviser to French President Francois Mitterrand, the president of the Sony Electronics Corporation of Japan, Akio Morita, and Jacques Delassieux, the new president of Credit Lyonnais, one of France's major nationalized banks.

Security will be tight around the City Center Hotel where the 300 foreign company presidents, one third of them American, are meeting. With embassy guards and a company security police in attendance, the seminarists will be all but outnumbered by the law. The subscription fee for the seminar is around \$1,000 — approximately double the minimum monthly wage in French industry.

Shanghai bid to woo foreign capital

SHANGHAI, Feb. 6 (R) — Shanghai, China's economic powerhouse, has two major projects in hand as part of a quest for more foreign investment and hard currency.

A 400-acre site is being prepared at a satellite town called Minhang, 25 kms southwest of the city, where about 100 factories specializing in light industrial goods for export will be built. The plan is that foreign concerns will be involved in all of them.

Nearer the city, not far from the airport, a foreign trade center is being designed, containing hotels, an exhibition hall, office space and living quarters for foreign businessmen. The two projects were outlined by Ding Chen, a Harvard-trained economist, one of a new breed of technocrats who have risen to prominence since the death of Mao Tse-tung and the dismantling of many of his leftist policies.

Dr. Ding, secretary-general of the Shanghai Federation of Industry and Commerce, said the Minhang zone would offer a variety of incentives to lure foreign investors. The incentives had not been decided, but he said

Iran to restart plant parley with Japan

BEIRUT, Feb. 6 (AP) — Iranian authorities are preparing to meet with their Japanese counterparts to start the third round of negotiations on an unfinished \$3 billion petrochemical plant in Badar Khomeini, located in southern Iran on the shores of the Arabian Gulf.

The official Iranian news agency Iran said Saturday Iran was prepared to pay \$55 million to its Japanese partner by the end of this week. Work on the plant which is 85 percent complete, stopped during the 1979 revolution. It resumed a year later, but again stopped as a result of the war between Iran and Iraq which started Sept. 22, 1980.

The plant has been damaged five times in Iraqi air raids, the last time in October. Japan has expressed concern over the well-being of its staff in the southern Iranian port city and this is believed to be the major obstacle in the way of a resumption of work on the plant.

Portillo rebuts plan's criticism

MEXICO, Feb. 6 (AP) — President J. Lopez Portillo rejected criticism that the nation's oil-propelled planned economic growth has benefited only the upper classes.

"The redistribution of income is not a matter of going out into the streets with a sack of money and dividing it among the people," he told a constitution day meeting of top government officials here Friday. "The redistribution of income is complying with the proposals programmed in the sectors of social development."

Lopez Portillo, who completes a six-year term in office this year, said education, health, communications and nutrition are among the areas in which his administration has made progress. He said the two main priorities of his government — food supply and energy — have been fulfilled.

"We have had the good fortune of having good harvests in 1980 and 1981 — there are food reserves as never before for the people," Lopez Portillo said. "We can be calm, because granaries and warehouses — insufficient to be sure — are full and even overflow. That is one of the problems of our success."

He said Mexico has had for the first time in its modern history four consecutive years of economic growth. "And I want to affirm also, with all responsibility, that this economic growth has not been at the cost of social development or for the exclusive benefit of the powerful classes," the president said.

Critical and unjust voices that penetrate repeatedly, that are spread by communications media that we have opened for that purpose, reiterate until weariness and fixation that the economic growth which we have had the satisfaction of bringing about has been without social development," Lopez Portillo said.

Christina faces \$45m tax demand

ATHENS, Feb. 6 (R) — The Greek government is seeking 2,730 million drachmas (\$45.5 million) in tax from shipping heiress Christina Onassis, the finance ministry said. Miss Onassis failed to file an inheritance tax return on property bequeathed by her father, shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis, who died in March, 1975, a ministry statement said Friday night.

She has denied owing the tax, on the

they would not be as extensive as in the so-called special economic zones (SEZ) established in south China's Guangdong and Fujian provinces to attract foreign capital.

Shanghai, with an extensive industrial base already in place, had no need to resort to the same package of tax holidays in order to interest investors, Dr. Ding said. A foreign businessman here gave another explanation. Because of Shanghai's advantages, including a relatively skilled labor force, a fully-fledged SEZ here would "leave the others in the dust." "Shanghai would start to approach something like Hong Kong. You can feel it in the air."

Shanghai aims to improve on the sizes in one respect by simplifying the multi-layered and clumsy bureaucracy that frustrates and discourages so many foreigners. Dr. Ding said: "We intend to set up a unified authority in charge of all problems concerning foreign investment. We would like to have foreign investors going to one authority only, instead of going to many."

ROCHESTER (AP-DJ) — Eastman Kodak Co. announced a new line of compact cameras built around a unique rotating disc of film. Kodak chairman Walter A. Fallon described the new cameras and film as a "decision-free photography system that will enable users to take good pictures virtually anywhere."

LOS ANGELES (AP-DJ) — Whittaker Corp. said Federal Court in Chicago has denied the motion of Brunswick Corp. to extend the probation date and withdrawal date set in Whittaker's tender offer for Brunswick common stock and 10 percent convertible subordinated debentures due 2006.

WASHINGTON (AP-DJ) — A Federal Trade Commission judge has dismissed charges that General Foods Corp. used unfair methods of competition and tried to monopolize the coffee market in the Northeast through its Maxwell House subsidiary.

Riyal rates remain stable

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — The American dollar closed stronger in the New York bourses Friday night, spurred on by a disappointingly lower than expected weekly money supply figures, and a drop in U.S. unemployment for the month of January. Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rates also remained firm, with rates closing at around 15 7/16 percent. Eurodollar deposit rates also firmed but they closed the week at levels reached last Monday and Tuesday. In the bullion markets, gold fluctuated within a narrow band to close at \$384.50 per ounce while silver was much firmer at \$8.61.

In the local financial markets, riyal deposit levels opened fairly steady at Thursday closing rates and Saturday saw riyal deposit levels remain unchanged. There was a brief flurry of deals on the exchange markets but these soon petered out by mid-day with rates remaining at 3.4200-10 for most of the day.

In New York, while the money markets had been expecting a fall in the weekly money supply of around \$5 billion, the released figures showed a fall of only \$1.4 billion in the m1 measurement — the U.S. Federal Reserve Board having abolished the distinction between the M1A and M1B measurements. What cheered the market more however, and gave a boost to U.S. interest rates was the news of a fall in U.S. unemployment from December's 8.8 percent to January's 8.5 percent, — the first such fall since last July. The money markets concluded that an economic upswing was just around the corner and that U.S. interest rates would begin to rise again independently of the budget deficit needs of the government.

Whilst Eurodollar interest rates firmed slightly by 1/16 percent in all tenors, yet the money markets were still undecided just which way the dollar would open next week recalling that the initial sharp upswing that took place from early last week had died out by end of the week. The Bahraini based OBU's — offshore booking units — were also of the same mind and Saturday they were quoting Eurodollar deposit rates of 15 9/16 — 15 11/16 percent "flat" through all tenors from one month to 12 month periods. This is a highly unusual flat yield curve situation but it is expected that rates will rise in the longer tenors Monday.

In the New York exchanges, the German mark lost more than 100 points to close at 2.3430 compared with 2.3300 levels in Europe. The British pound was similarly affected, losing one cent to close the week at 1.8630, while the French franc dropped 5.9730 from 5.9280. As for the yen, that currency lost ground at 234.45 from 232.60 while the Swiss franc also weakened to 1.8850 from 1.8760 on Thursday.

In the local markets, riyal exchange rates hardly fluctuated from opening levels of 3.4198 — 08 to 3.4200-10. Deals were few and far in between with few institutions willing to take open positions on the dollar before Monday's European opening. The situation was also described as quiet on the local money markets where a "flat yield curve" also was quoted for riyal deposit rates. The one month to twelve month rates opened at 13 1/4 — 14 1/4 percent. But by close of the session had firmed slightly to 14 1/4 — 14 3/4 percent for all tenors. Deals were mostly carried out in the very short periods of under one month with week fixed coming at 13 1/2 — 14 percent.

U.S. sending farm task force to Peru

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan has announced the sending of a farm task force to Peru — the first of a series of poor countries all over the world, with the goal of improving crops and the way they are sold.

The group will be headed by Clayton Yeutter, president of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and a former assistant secretary of agriculture. He and a group of seven or eight will leave end of March for a two-week trip. "This is an altruistic contribution to the Third World," he told reporters Friday after seeing the president. "There is no short-term benefit for the United States." He said the Reagan administration would like to have some "input" into the farm policies of poor countries. Many of their governments, he said, intrude heavily into food production and sales, often to the detriment of both.

Peter McPherson, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, said talks are going on with other countries for the sending of similar factors. His office said Reagan, who launched the idea at the Cancun conference of rich and poor countries last

October, expects that other groups will be sent to Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East.

This one will investigate long-term research projects in Peru, the strengthening of the marketing system, speeding up private investment in agricultural business and the structure of production.

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Quoted at 7:00 p.m. Saturday		
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	—	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	15.20
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	285.00
Canadian Dollar	—	—	146.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	133.25	133.10	133.10
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.50	3.92	—
Egyptian Pound	93.00	93.15	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	97.50	97.35	—
French Franc (100)	54.00	57.20	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	37.40
Indian Rupee (100)	6.50	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	27.20	27.40	—
Israeli Lira (10,000)	10.00	9.95	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	12.05	12.03	—
Jordanian Dinar	71.00	70.70	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	59.00	62.90	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	32.60	32.60	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	41.70
Pakistan Rupee (100)	6.41	6.39	—
Philippines Peso (100)	94.00	94.05	—
Pound Sterling	34.00	34.50	—
Qatari Rial (100)	182.00	181.75	—
Singapore Dollar (100)	58.00	63.50	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	—
Swiss Franc (100)	3.4275	3.422	—
Syrian Lira (1,000)	75.00	74.90	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	—	—	—
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	—

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Southern Province Health Dept.	Construction of three clinics	—	300	9-2-82
Makkah Municipality	Fencing of graveyards	—	1,500	15-2-82
Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones	Construction of Medina's telecenter	20/401/402	5,000	17-2-82

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1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
1A.	Merzario Persia	A.E.T.	Ro-Ro/Vehs/Contrs	5.2.82
3.	Udra	Alsaada	Pipes/Gen/Stat	6.2.82
4.	Syria	Bamaodah	Barley & Stil	2.2.82
5.	Orient Pine	O.C.E.	Barley	27.1.82
6.	Aspasia M	A.A.	Barley	29.1.82
7.	Yannis D	A.A.	Barley	30.1.82
8.	Kota Melati	O.C.E.	Textile/Gen./Durra	1.2.82
9.	Bora II	O.C.E.	Stil/Gen./Contrs.	23.2.82
11.	Chicko	Barber	Timber	4.2.82
12.	Podgora	A.A.	Bagged Barley	1.2.82
13.	Golden Yenbo	El Hawi	Stl/Tim/Gen./Contrs.	2.2.82
14.	Balder Zee Dawn	Kanoo	Rice/Flour/Oil	2.2.82
15.	Bakr	Attar	General	5.2.82
18.	Zeus	Roloco	Bulk Cement	5.2.82
19.	Adarnico	Alsaabah	Bulk Cement	30.1.81
21.	Nour	Hitta	Tiles/Crane	4.2.82
22.	Maldiva Neighbor	Orri	Mze/Sorghum/Gen./Rice	1.2.82
23.	Saudi Pride	MESA	Contrs/Stl/Pipes	1.2.82
24.	Al Bandar	Alpha	Plaster	1.2.82
25.	Mila Gojalic	Attar	Bag Barley/Sorghum	3.2.82
26.	Maldiva Pioneer	Orri	Cables/Timber/Gen.	5.2.82
27.	Arameda	Star	Tim/Gen./Stl	31.1.82
28.			Durra	2.2.82

RECENT ARRIVALS:

Chiko	Barber	Timber	4.2.82
Artwin	O.C.E.	General	"
Al Jamal	Fayez	General	"
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Mila Gojalic	Attar	Cables/Tim/Gen.	5.2.82
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3.	Saudi Trader	Orri	General	31.1.82
6.	Al Shiddiah	Kanoo	General	5.2.82
8.	Dresden	Kanoo	Gen./Cont.	4.2.82
9.	Al Salma	Orri	Loading Urea	22.1.82
11.	Sharp Island	UEP	Gen./Cont.	1.2.82
13.	Defiant	Saite	Steel	25.1.82
14.	Maldiva Privilege	Orri	General	5.2.82
15.	Robin Hood	UEP	Rice/Gen./Fruits	3.2.82
16.	Meghna	Orri	General	5.2.82
18.	Chang Du	Orri	General	5.2.82
19.	Koei Maru	Gulf	Steel Bars	25.1.82
22.	Ayesha	Gosabi	Bagged Barley	25.1.82
26.	Willine Toyo	Barber	Containers	5.2.82
30.	Agility	Gosabi	Bagged Barley	1.2.82

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MALDIVA PRIVILEGE	5-2-82	General	Karachi/Far East
LIAOYANG	7-2-82	General	China
MALDIVA TRADER	7-2-82	General	Bombay
NEW PONY-3	8-2-82	General	Far East
SAI NANAK	9-2-82	General	Bombay
SAUDI AMBASSADOR	7-2-82	General	Europe
SAUDI PRINCE	10-2-82	General	Bangkok/Karachi

RECENT SAILINGS

VESSEL	ARRIVED	SAILED	CARGO	FROM
YUCHUN	20-1-1982	23-1-82	General	China
MALDIVA NOBLE	18-1-1982	26-1-82	Malze/Gen	Bangkok
MARHABA-19	20-1-1982	22-1-82	General	Bombay
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Orient	0	Blackburn	0
Q.F. Rangers	1	Grimsby	0
Sheffield Wednesday	3	Leeds	3
Shrewsbury	3	Oldham	0
Wazford	1	Chelsea	0
		Division Three	
Brentford	2	Portsmouth	2
Bristol City	0	Fulham	2

Supersonics 108, Warriors 99: Jack Sikma scored 30 points and Gus Williams netted 11 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as Seattle stayed .009 ahead of Los Angeles atop the Pacific Division. Golden State took an 85-81 lead into the fourth period after trailing 23-6 in the first quarter, but the Sonics outscored the Warriors 27-14 in the final 12 minutes.

The second and third seeds, Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia and Wendy Turnbull of Australia, also advanced to Saturday's semifinals with victories Friday at Cobo Arena. However, Romania's Virginia Ruzici, the No. 4 seed, was upset 2-6, 6-4, 6-0 and eliminated in her quarterfinal match by unseeded Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa.

Jausovec defeated sixth-seeded Mary Lou Piatek 7-5, 6-2 and was scheduled to play Fairbank on Saturday. Turnbull turned back unseeded Australian Dianne Fromholtz 6-1, 6-2 and will play Jaeger in the semifinals.

FISA said "other drivers have announced their intention to pay out FISA have not yet received the payment," a spokesman for Renault, which has publicly backed the drivers' case for a greater voice in the running of the sport, although censuring their strike action, said the team would await the decision of the drivers' meeting before deciding whether or not to pay for Alain Prost and Rene Arnoux. Ferrari and Alfa Romeo appeared to have taken a similar attitude.

Ackersley kept England's hopes alive with 21-17, 22-20 win over Musa. Jackson made the score 3-3, beating Ule 22-20, 22-20 in a hard-fought game. Then Day defeated Musa 21-18, 23-21 and Eboh beat Jackson 21-11, 22-24, 21-7. When the score was 4-4, Ackersley beat Ule 21-13, 21-15 to clinch the title for England.

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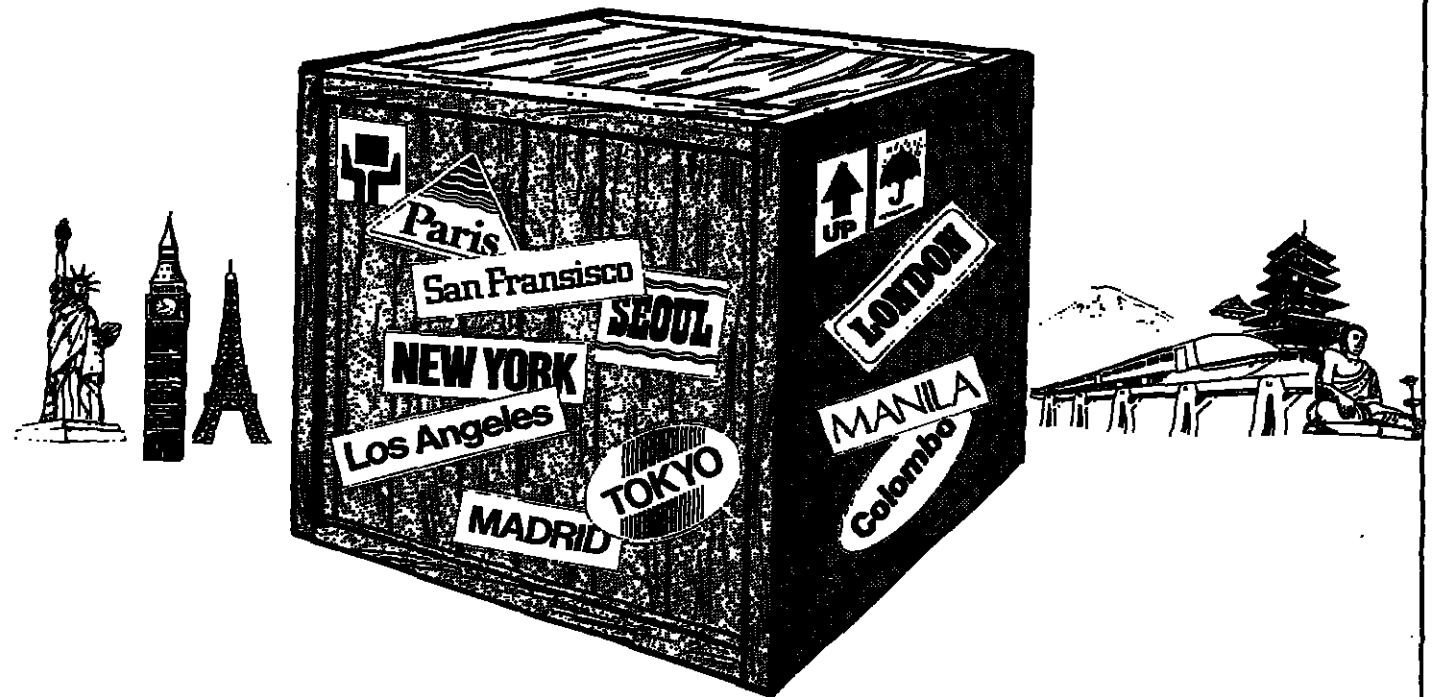
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- 6:00 Arabic News
- 6:15 English Series
- 6:30 TV Magazine
- 6:45 Arabic News
- 7:00 Program Preview
- 7:15 Daily Series
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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
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CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
A new moneymaking idea looks good on paper, but there could be errors in execution. Social entertainment costs could mount.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Unexpected encounters prove romantic, but keep your

feet on the ground. Petty disputes could arise. Rise above little things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Though you seek time for solitude, don't waste it in idle daydreaming. A new work project should give you added incentive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
You may receive an unexpected invitation. Social life is active, but a tendency to go overboard. Avoid senseless spending.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Career and financial opportunities come unexpectedly. Don't just barge ahead or you'll overlook important details. Downplay ego.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Initiative brings career gains. You may exceed your budget in planning for good times with others. Try to avoid excessive spending.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
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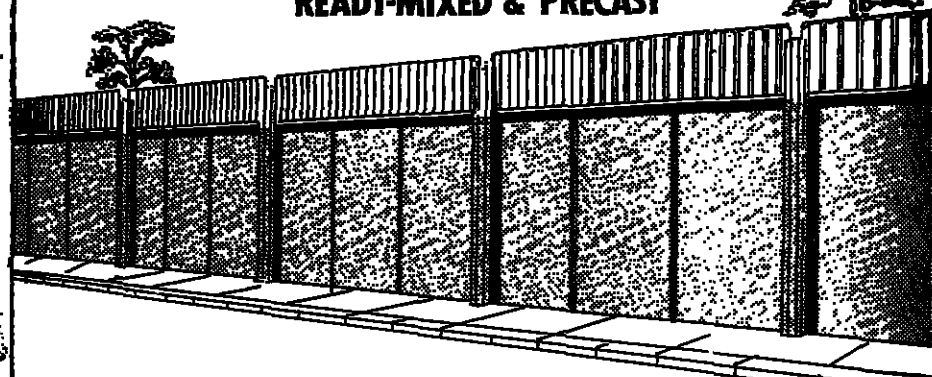
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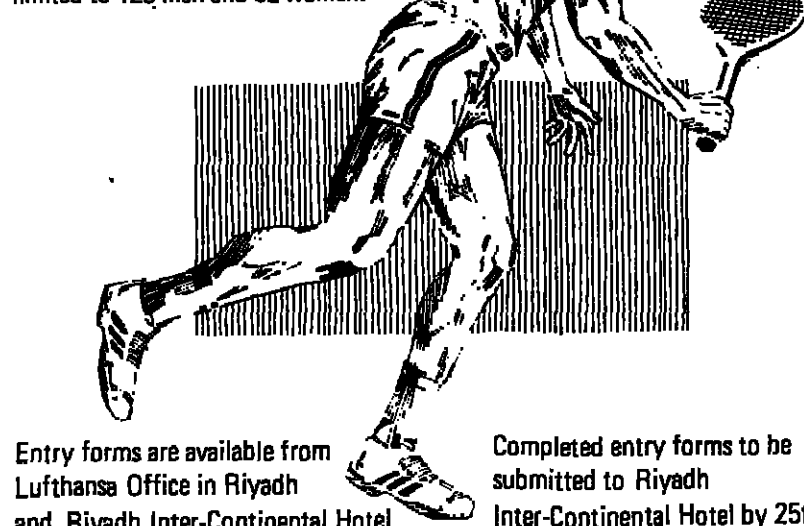
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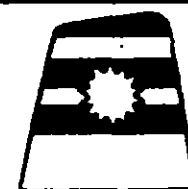
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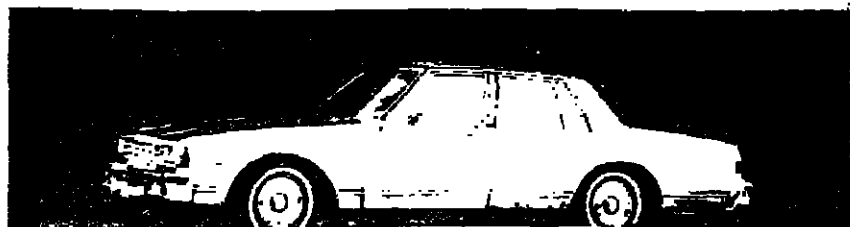
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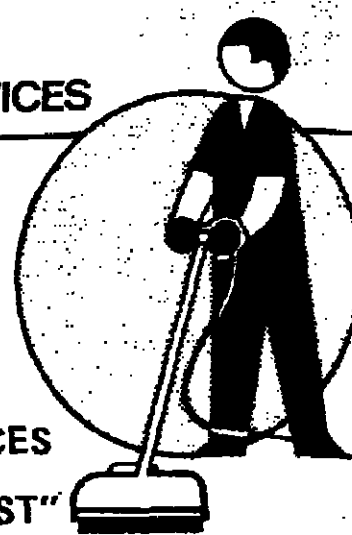
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53 killed in Korean military air crash

SEOUL, Feb. 6 (AP) — All 53 military personnel aboard a South Korean Air Force transport were killed Friday when the plane crashed while landing during an exercise on the southern resort island of Cheju, the Defense Ministry announced late Saturday.

The wreckage of the C-123 transport was found north of Mt. Halla Saturday, and all were confirmed dead, the ministry reported. The plane was attempting to land on Cheju's northern coast to disembark 47 army personnel for an anti-infiltration exercise when the accident occurred about 3 p.m. (1900 GMT) Friday, it said. The other six dead were crew members.

It was not immediately known what caused the crash, which is now under investigation, but a ministry spokesman said a sudden strong gale jolted the transport as it approached the coast. Rescue workers found the wreckage north of Mt. Halla. The 1,950-meter inactive volcano is the highest in South Korea.

Cheju Island is about 350 kms south of Seoul, and is a major tourist attraction noted for its scenic beauty and exotic customs. It is also known for changeable weather.

News of the crash came hours after President Chun Doo-hwan dedicated a new 3,000-meter runway at Cheju International Airport to help facilitate the landing of larger passenger jets.

Basques free industrialist

BILBAO, Spain, Feb. 6 (APF) — West German-born industrialist Jose Lipperheide, who was kidnapped by the military wing of the Basque separatist movement ETA a month ago, was freed Friday night after reports that his family paid a ransom that may have been as much as \$1 million.

Police said Lipperheide, 76, was found in a car on a road near here by three workers who heard him shouting for help. A tip that he had been released was phoned to a local newspaper by an anonymous caller. Interior Minister Juan Jose Roson said Lipperheide was in good health when found.

The industrialist was kidnapped from his home Jan. 5 by an ETA-military commando which said that it was seeking a ransom. The interior minister did not say if a ransom was paid. But informed sources said it was first set at 1,000 million pesetas (\$10 million) and eventually reduced in negotiations to 100 million pesetas (\$1 million).

The ransom was part of a campaign by ETA militants to impose what they call "revolutionary tax" on the Basque region's industrialists. Lipperheide's son said that ETA-military had demanded in 1977 that his father pay the "revolutionary tax" and threatened him with death if he did not.

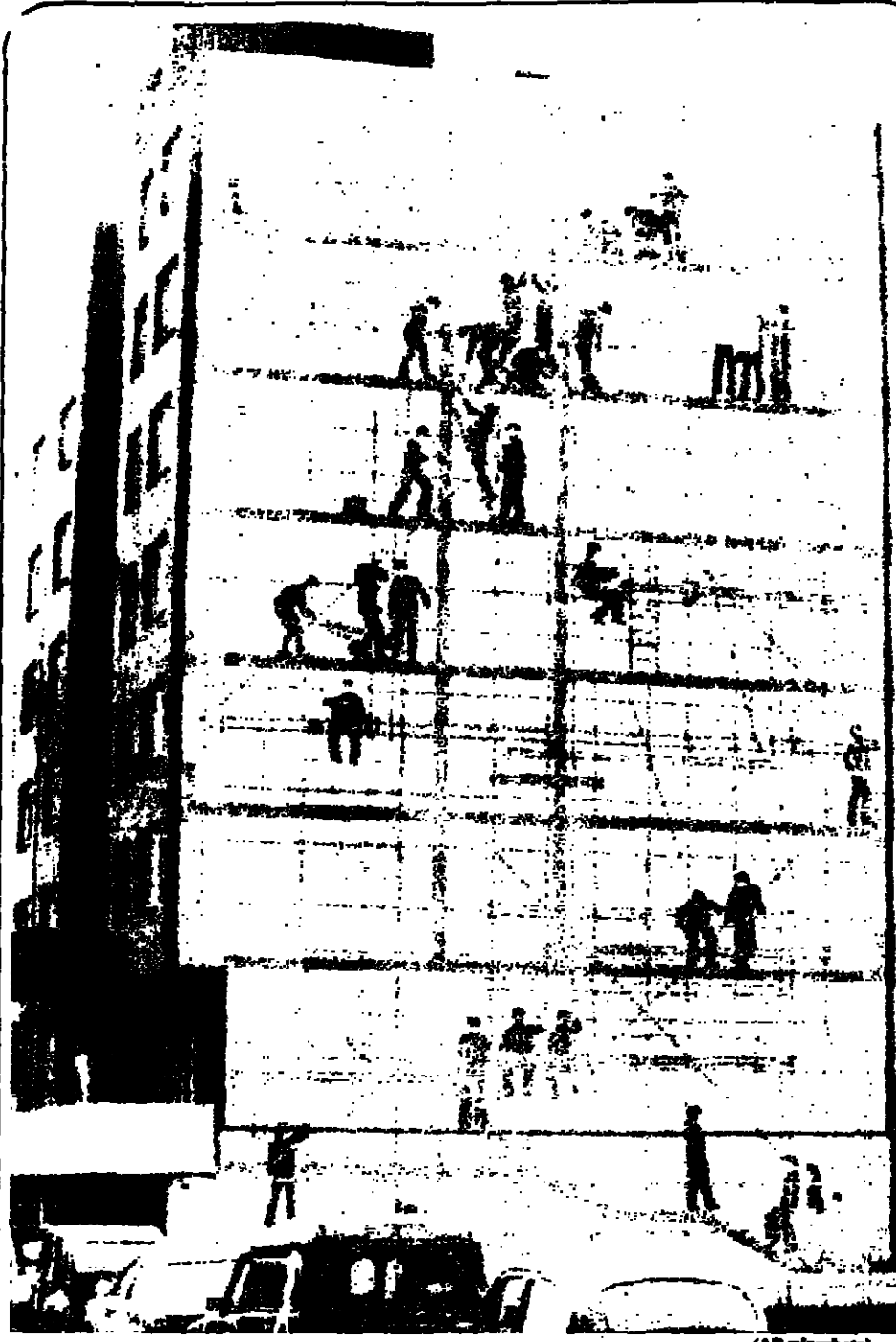
Meanwhile, in Saint Sebastian, some 20 persons suspected of being involved in the ETA military wing were arrested during the past 24 hours in the Basque provinces of Biscay and Guipuzcoa.

Police sources said the arrests were the result of investigations into the kidnapping of Lipperheide.

Newspaperman killed in Guatemala firing

GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 6 (AP) — At least 17 persons, including a prominent newspaperman, were killed in the latest round of political violence in this strife-torn central American nation, authorities said Friday.

Roberto Giron Lemus, 55, co-owner and publisher of the *La Nacion* newspaper, was killed by machine gun fire Friday as he drove to work alone, said firefighters who first discovered the body. At least 11 Guatemalan journalists have been slain in the last two years.



BUSY WORKERS: While the West German government is taking measures to reduce the number of unemployed in the country, a good number of workers are seen here constructing building in Hamburg. But this is only a wall painting, a work of art.

Salvador mounts attack on leftist strongholds

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 6 (R) — Salvadoran air force planes have attacked leftist strongholds in the eastern province of Usulután after four days of indecisive ground fighting, the insurgent radio station reported. Military sources made no comment on the broadcast by Radio Venceremos (we shall overcome) which said three planes repeatedly strafed leftist positions Friday.

Leftist forces destroyed a number of

helicopters and planes at an air base in San Salvador last week, and the strafing runs Friday were believed to be the first time the air force had gone into action since then in the fighting near the important eastern town of Usulután.

The leftists trying to topple the U.S.-backed government in El Salvador have increased their activities in the run-up to constituent assembly elections next month.

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that have supported it will implement it."

The semi-official United Arab Emirates daily *Al-Juhad* charged that the U.S. "has overtaken its partner Israel in showing disregard and contempt for, and even blackmailing, the international community." Egypt, ostracized by other Arabs for making peace with Israel, offered no official or press comment. Egypt, which abstained, was the only Arab state not to vote for the resolution, although in the past it has criticized the Golan annexation. There was no comment either in Jordan.

In any case, Arab cohesion will get further strength when a special conference of Arab foreign ministers opens this Thursday in Tunis. The conference was called by Syria, following the annexation of the Golan, to decide unanimous measures by Arab states against Israel.

The United States led opposition to the resolution. It was joined by all the European Community members except Greece, which voted for it. Others voting against the text were Australia, Canada, Fiji, Finland, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal and Sweden. There were a number

of Latin American abstentions.

Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League representative, told reporters there had been "diplomatic harassment" by the United States and "blackmail" by Israel.

Here is the roll call of the U.N. General Assembly vote:

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Against (21) — Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, West Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and the United States.

Abstain (34) — Argentina, Austria, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Malawi, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent-Grenadines, Samoa, Singapore, Spain, Swaziland, Thailand, Trinidad-Tobago, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zaire.

Not participating (2) — the Philippines and Romania.

Absent (14) — Antigua-Barbuda, Belize, Cambodia, Chad, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Jamaica, Mauritius, Mexico, South Africa, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

NATO rift may subvert arms talks, says envoy

LONDON, Feb. 6 (R) — Differences among NATO allies could undermine disarmament talks with the Soviet Union, Britain's ambassador to NATO, Sir Clive Rose, told a private meeting here.

"The Russians will not negotiate seriously if the West is seen to be weak or divided," he told the Royal United Services Institute for Defense Studies. His speech, made Wednesday, was released for publication Saturday, the day he retires.

If the frequently difficult and often turbulent relations between the United States and its European allies led America to perceive a lessening of resolve among Euro-

peans, this could lead the Soviet Union to think the alliance was uncertain, he said. "What is so stressing is that many of our problems are aired in public before being aired in private thus giving the Soviet Union a propaganda opportunity."

The Reagan administration's initial emphasis on nuclear disarmament over negotiation led to an "uncomfortable time" but the threatened rift in NATO had been resolved, he said.

Sir Clive said the Soviet Union exploited those divisions but the dangers are recognized on both sides of the Atlantic and the pattern of frequent consultations should avert them in future.

Luxembourg princess weds

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 6 (AP) — Princess Marie-Astrid of Luxembourg and Christian of Habsbourg-Lorraine, the Belgian-born grandson of Charles I, the last emperor of Austria, were married here Saturday.

The civil wedding ceremony took place in the palace of the bride's parents, Grand Duke Jean and Grand Duchess Josephine-Charlotte and was followed by a religious ceremony in the Notre Dame cathedral.

The wedding was attended by royalty from all over Europe including Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus of the Netherlands, Prince Andrew of England, King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola of Belgium, Crown Prince Harald and Princess Sonia of Norway, Queen

Sophia of Spain and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

After the wedding, Princess Marie-Astrid and her husband, both 27, appeared on the balcony of the place and later they joined 800 guests for a lunch at the municipal theater here.

The groom is the grandson of Charles I, the last emperor of Austria and king of Hungary who died in 1922. His grandmother, the former Empress Zita, 90, attended the wedding ceremony.

Christian of Habsbourg-Lorraine calls himself the Archduke of Austria only in Belgium where he was born and has lived for most of his life.

Police seize Red Brigades arms

ROME, Feb. 6 (AP) — Police seized rocket launchers, machine guns and grenades Saturday in the second major discovery of a Red Brigades terrorist arsenal in three days, police reported. The arms cache, buried underground, was dug up at Moiano, a small town in central Italy's Umbrian hills near Lake Trasimene.

Police arrested Silvano Fani, 21, in connection with the haul. They charged him and two other suspects arrested in the area Thursday.

On Thursday, police discovered a huge Red Brigades cache in the northern city of Treviso, which included three ground-to-air missiles, three bazookas and 60 kilograms of plastic explosive.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

Still can't get over those modern expressions without which life seems to be quite impossible. My list grows and grows, and all of it are of expressions which are glibly used and are meant as a cover for actual intentions.

A favorite among companies, used when dealing with dissatisfied customers, is "the answer is already in the post." This is normally said to someone over the phone, who has been demanding that the company give a clear answer to a complicated case. A variant of this is of course: "Yes of course, your check is already in the post." Your answer in such cases is "tell that to the marines."

Then there are those signs informing you that "We Work in Your Interest" or "Temporary Work." In the first case it's a damned lie: they work for money and nothing else. My interest doesn't enter into the picture at all. You would believe the second sign however but for the permanent look the sign has, stuck there in its little mound of cement.

But the champion liars (with all due respect, of course) are the car mechanics and dentists. The one tells you: "Ten minutes and you get your car back — no problem." but ten days pass and then ten weeks...

And the dentist murmurs as he leans over your brandishing his fearful instruments: "This will only hurt a little." A well meant remark, no doubt, but one which is immediately ironed by your terrible scream of pain...

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Reagan turns 71

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan celebrated his 71st birthday Saturday, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to surpass 70 while in the White House.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Offices/Exhibitions for Rent

The National Real Estate Office Damman, announces that renting of Abdul Rahman Saleh Al Rajhi Building has started. The building, situated on King Faisal Street/Dahran Street and an Eastern Lane consists of ten floors with the following specifications:

- Central airconditioning.
- Ground floor specifically for Exhibitions.
- The mezzanine floor is open, undivided and airconditioned.
- The second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors are open and undivided. The seventh, eighth and ninth floors are divided into offices.

All above Exhibitions and offices have full interior decoration and airconditioning, and the building is equipped with modern lifts. The looks and location of the building is as shown in the picture. Costs of electricity, water and maintenance will be added to the rent (about 17%).

Interested parties please contact our office:
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GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min.	Max.		Min.	Max.
	C	F		C	F
Amsterdam	3	37	8	46	cloudy
Athens	3	37	10	50	clear
Bahrain	14	57	20	68	clear
Bangkok	26	79	32	90	clear
Beirut	5	41	12	53	cloudy
Berlin	-2	28	6	43	cloudy
Brussels	3	38	14	57	cloudy
Buenos Aires	19	66	28	82	cloudy
Cairo	5	41	14	57	cloudy
Caracas	-16	61	28	82	cloudy
Chicago	-14	07	-9	15	clear
Copenhagen	-1	30	2	36	cloudy
Dublin	7	44	10	50	clear
Frankfurt	-4	25	4	39	clear
Geneva	1	34	4	39	cloudy
Hong Kong	16	61	17	63	cloudy
Jakarta	23	73	31	88	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	22	72	32	90	clear
London	9	48	12	54	clear
Los Angeles	10	58	18	70	clear
Madrid	4	39	15	59	clear
Manila	20	68	31	88	clear
Mexico City	9	48	24	75	clear
Miami	22	72	25	78	cloudy
Montreal	-22	-8	-11	12	clear
Moscow	-20	-4	-4	25	cloudy
New Delhi	8	46	19	67	cloudy
New York	-2	28	1	34	cloudy
Nicosia	3	37	9	48	cloudy
Oslo	-6	21	-6	21	snow
Paris	8	46	13	55	clear
Rome	1	34	8	46	clear
San Francisco	7	45	12	54	cloudy
Seoul	-8	18	-1	30	clear
Singapore	23	73	32	90	cloudy
Stockholm	-10	14	-7	19	clear
Sydney	17	63	24	75	clear
Taipei	13	55	18	64	cloudy
Tokyo	0	32	8	46	cloudy
Toronto	-12	10	-9	16	cloudy
Vancouver	-2	28	4	39	clear
Vienna	-1	30	2	36	cloudy

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